

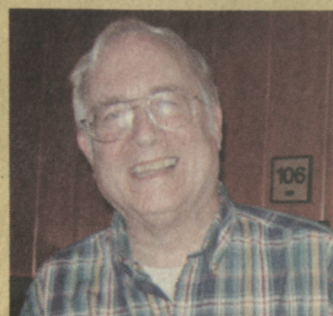
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Reel Big Fish headlines 2008 Spring Concert



Brett Morgan photo

Lead singer, guitarist and only remaining original Reel Big Fish member Aaron Barrett sings his band's quirky, irreverent, ska-tastic tunes at Sunday night's Spring Concert on Henson Lawn.

By Sean Gossard
News/Global Editor

One Republic may have been too late to apologize but it wasn't too late for the Crocs Next Step Tour organizers to find a suitable replacement band after the headline cancelled.

Representatives of One Republic called late Friday informing SOAP and Student Organizations, Activities & Leadership (OSAO&L) that the band would be unable to perform at the concert after lead singer Ryan Tedder pulled his Achilles tendon. "When One Republic cancelled we

had to get into serious problem solving mode," said Director of OSAO&L Heather Holmes. "But that is what we are good at."

"I feel bad for the lead singer [of One Republic] but I love Reel Big Fish," said senior Susan Hamer. When she got the e-mail she said she

jumped out of her chair screaming. Hamer's feelings seemed to be shared throughout the audience.

"I like Reel Big Fish a lot. They're more upbeat," said sophomore Lilly St. Denis.

With the problem of finding another band out of the way, the concert was still on for Sunday evening. The lineup consisted of an eclectic mix of genres including rap, ska and Salisbury's own Boats to Tangier, who are unsure how to classify themselves. The best Boats to Tangier can be classified, according to their Facebook page, is Indie/Rock/Fantasy Pop.

The night began slowly, with the Tim Blain Band of Boston, MA, opening while both the audience and rain trickled in. The band was met somewhat poorly by the unenthused audience.

"They weren't that good," St. Denis said. "They kind of made me want to leave."

While bands set up, the audience was invited to a giant blowup tent where they could play Guitar Hero and Rock Band or try on a pair of Crocs.

Following the Tim Blaine Band was Boats to Tangier, which is mainly comprised of SU students. They gained the privilege of playing the show after winning a battle of the bands competition on the Crocs tour Web site.

The eight song set kicked off with their bubbly tune "Animals," which moved several members of the ever

growing crowd to bob and dance with the beat.

Lead singer Jordan Williams said that she felt "special" when she was onstage. She also pointed out that this was the biggest stage they have played on.

Several of the band's loyal fans were there to show their support. "They were amazing," Dykes said, "they always are."

Next in the lineup was rapper Fabolous, who has two platinum albums and a gold album.

Fabulous got the crowd pumped up as the sky continued to mist. Songs like "Baby" kept the energy of the audience high. Fabulous got the crowd to clap, sing along and give the finger to all of "haters."

The night concluded with a performance by ska band Reel Big Fish. By now the energy in the crowd was high.

"Everything is going awesome," Holmes said. "It even feels like [the rain] is letting up again."

The band performed with huge intensity and got the crowd jumping and yelling. By the end of the set the crowd cheered for an encore but university officials wouldn't allow it.

For the University, the night went over very well. In past years, the administration has been weary of having outside concerts after SU's 2005 Field Day ended with sofas and dumpsters burning in streets. Over the past

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Recycling symposium addresses blue bin woes



Adrienne Price photo

Peninsula recycling experts participate in a panel discussion with students and concerned citizens on Tuesday night.

By Matthew J. Harhai
Staff Writer

Peninsula recycling experts spoke about issues of recycling and answered questions from concerned citizens and students in a panel discussion held in

the Guerrieri Center Tuesday.

The symposium, sponsored by the Lower Shore Sierra Club and SU's Environmental Student Association, was part of SU's Earth Week, which also included the events Earth Day in Red Square and the Big Event.

Representatives came from Delmarva Waste Management, Salisbury Recycling Program, SU's Recycling Program and Wicomico County Public Information.

The host posed discussion questions to the panelists and the public asked their own questions in response to the panelists' answers.

Topics ranged from educating the children about the process of recycling, to expenses and America's consumption culture.

In the U.S., the culture of consumption is largely void of recycling practices.

Out of the 28,000 people in Salisbury, only 1,400 people recycle, said Harry White, director of Salisbury's recycling program.

"Europe recycles 100 percent of their recyclable materials because it is mandated," White said.

In 2006, Americans recycled about 32.5 percent of their garbage, according to the EPA.

On the whole, the U.S., including people in Salisbury, does a poor job of recycling.

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SGA sponsors Earth Day in Red Square

By Brandon M. Smith
Staff Writer

SU celebrated Earth Day last week on April 24 in Red Square with club-run information tables, free giveaways, DJ Amaze, the Red Bull Gravity Challenge and tie-dye T-shirts. The event was held

from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and was hosted by the Student Government Association (SGA) and the SU Sustainability Committee.

"Earth Day is an important celebration because it is an opportunity for us, as students, to realize the impact we have on our environment. As students, we are

equipped with the resources we need to make a difference for our future," said Lili Afkhami, SGA President.

This student-centered focus on creating a better and safer environment was echoed by all the clubs at the event who passed out varying environmental petitions and shared information on how to be more environmentally sensitive.



Leslie Pusey photo

Green Gull representative Megan McCarthy explains the importance of food conservation.

Take Back the Night raises awareness of sexual violence against women



Sarah Wright photo

Members of the campus community support victims of sexual assault by participating in the candlelight vigil on Wednesday night.

By Alex Ruoff
Staff Writer

The Life Crisis Center and Student Health Services, along with the campus community, came together Wednesday night in Red Square for the Take Back the Night March and Candlelight Vigil to support victims of sexual assault and raise awareness of sexual violence against women.

The vigil was in observance of Sexual Assault Awareness Month and in honor of victims and survivors of sexual violence.

T-shirts hung in Red Square, designed by survivors and some community members, to raise awareness as a part of the Clothesline Project.

"I believe this is an extremely important issue," said Dee Copeland, director of the crisis center. "Especially to the campus community because college women are four times more at risk of being sexually assaulted than other women. We're glad the campus community came out in support."

The Life Crisis Center is a private, non-profit organization and advocacy agency which assists victims of child abuse, domestic violence and rape in Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester Counties. The center works closely

with area businesses and organizations to combat violence against women and children on the Eastern Shore.

The center's services include medical accompaniment, legal assistance, individual counseling, group therapy, batterer's treatment, anger management groups, supervised visitation programs and community education, as well as professional training on domestic violence, sexual assault, crisis intervention, suicide prevention and child abuse.

"It's great to see a rise in awareness to such an important subject that is often neglected," said social work graduate student Matthew Stevens. "Things like this really keep everyone informed of what they can do to help and show victims that they can come forward with their experiences."

The Clothesline Project was established in 1990 in Cape Cod, MA, to address the issue of violence against women. According to the project's pamphlet, it is a vehicle for women affected by violence to express their emotions by decorating a shirt.

Student Health Services Director Jennifer Berkman has been working closely with the center to establish a women's advocacy center on campus

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TUESDAY 4/29/08	WEDNESDAY 4/30/08	THURSDAY 5/1/08	FRIDAY 5/2/08	SATURDAY 5/3/08	SUNDAY 5/4/08	MONDAY 5/5/08
HIGH 66	HIGH 65	HIGH 73	HIGH 76	HIGH 66	HIGH 78	HIGH 69
PARTY CLOUDY	MOSTLY SUNNY	AM CLOUDS PM SUN	FEW SHOWERS	CLOUDY	SHOWERS	SHOWERS
LOW 45	LOW 49	LOW 56	LOW 58	LOW 57	LOW 55	LOW 53

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Student Health Fair

Health 350, Assessment and Evaluation, is putting on a student-run health fair on May 1. It is titled "A Healthy U is A Happy U!" Salisbury University Health Fair 2008! It is on May 1 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will be located in the hallway of the Commons. There will be a broad range of health topics that will be presented by students.

Commencement Volunteers Needed

Want to see your friends walk-but don't have a ticket? Volunteers are needed for Commencement on Saturday, May 17, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Duties include passing out programs, assisting with ticket collection, guest seating and related duties. Individuals interested in volunteering should contact Tammy Glantz at tgantz@salisbury.edu no later than Friday, May 9. Students who need community service hours are invited to inquire.

Multicultural Festival Week

The Salisbury University Office of Multicultural Student Services sponsors Multicultural Festival Week Monday-Thursday, April 28-May 1, at the SU campus. This year's theme is "Taking Flight With Diversity." Speaker Rita Campbell provides an "Introduction to Deaf Culture" 4 p.m. Tuesday. April 29, is the Multicultural/Spirituality Room (GC-228). Sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Student Services, Multicultural Festival Committee, Office of Diversity, Music Department and the Office of Cultural Affairs. All events are free unless otherwise noted. For more information call 410-548-4503 or visit the SU Web site at www.salisbury.edu/multicultural/Multifestival/multiculturalfestival.html.

Alumni Garden Bricks

Carve your name in the alumni garden. You have an opportunity to support the Salisbury University Alumni Association with a one-time donation that will last a lifetime. Buy a 4" x 8" brick for yourself in honor or memory of a classmate, faculty member, club, team, family member or any other important person in your life. All commemorative bricks will be used on a walkway surrounding a fountain in the Miller Alumni Garden, located directly behind the Alumni House. Your brick purchase can be considered your Fund contribution.

Purchase Information: Engraving is two lines per brick, 14 characters per line (including spaces and punctuation). Cost is \$100 per brick. (Anyone wishing to contribute at a higher level may call the Alumni Office to discuss other forms of recognition.) Bricks will be ordered in lots of 30 and will be laid accordingly. When your brick is placed, you will be contacted by mail. If you'd like an acknowledgment sent to someone other than yourself, please send in the name and mailing address. Visit www.salisbury.edu/alumni to order your brick.

Blackwell will receive \$1,000 per year to spend on student artwork.

CONCERT

few years, SU's concerts have been held in the gym on either a Friday or a Saturday night.

Administration has been working toward returning to an outdoor venue in order to maximize the number of students that can participate, since Maggs Gym's limited capacity can only hold a small percentage of the student population. "We weren't planning to return to something of the scale or magnitude of Field Day," said dean of students Edwin Cowell. "But we want-



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Philosophy Symposium honors retiring professor

By Michel Elben
Staff Writer

"Dr. Jerome Miller is without a doubt the craziest and the most engaging philosophy professor at Salisbury University," declared a Facebook group dedicated to the instructor, who plans to retire this semester.

For 36 years, over 10,000 students have packed themselves into his overflowing classrooms.

"Students are enthusiastic. They're extremely attracted to philosophy because it becomes an opportunity to examine their beliefs in a rigorously rational way. It's often something they haven't had before," said Dr. Miller, known to his peers as Jerry.

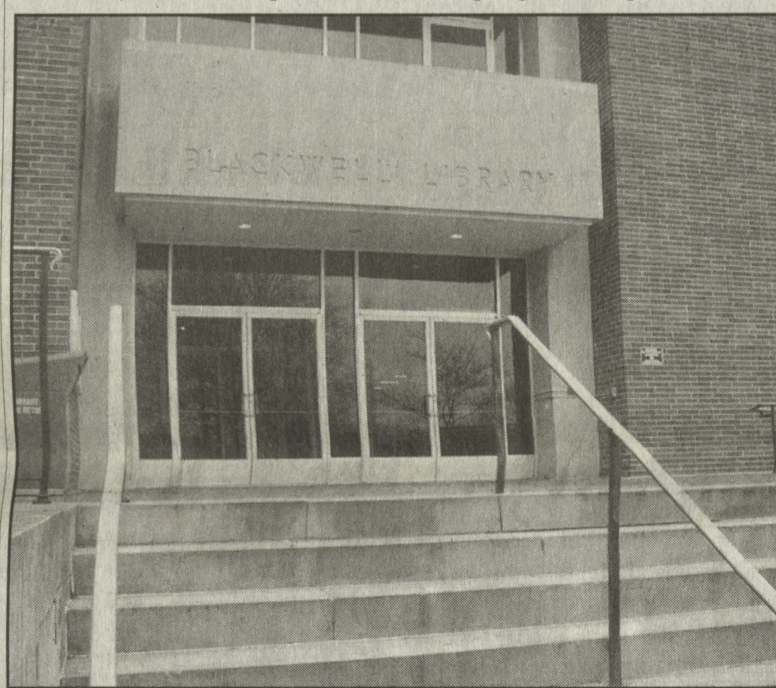
According to fellow philosophy professor Dr. Fran Kane, Dr. Miller began the SU Philosophy Symposium 28 years ago. To honor Dr. Miller, the Philosophy Department will hold its annual symposium and use Dr. Miller's work as its focus. *God and the Reasons of the Heart: A Celebration of the Thought and Teaching of Jerry Miller* is set to be a day-long program held Saturday, May 3, in Caruthers Hall Auditorium.

Blackwell receives grant to display student artwork

By Sarah Janoske
Staff Writer

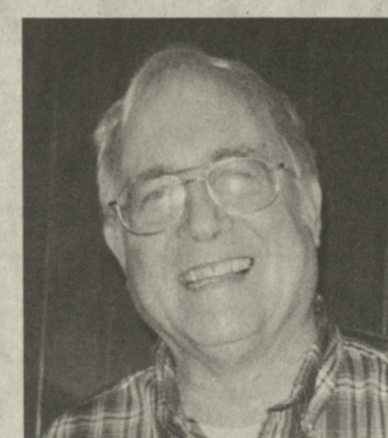
Blackwell Library received an endowment for \$20,000 from the Middendorf Foundation, Inc. for purchasing student art work to display in the library.

Dr. Alice Bahr, the dean of libraries and instructional resources, has always been a fan of art and came up with this idea for the library to have a permanent



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Telecia Taylor photo

Philosophy prof. Dr. Jerome Miller

"Jerry has influenced so many students over the years, inspiring many to become majors, that we could not let this opportunity to honor him pass us by. We are hoping many of his former students will return to share the day with us," said Dr. Grace Clement, chair of the Philosophy Department.

The symposium will begin with breakfast at 9 a.m., followed by a 9:30 morning session comprised of alumni's reflection on Miller's essay *The Way of Suffering: A Reasoning of the Heart*.

"Of all the material I use in class,

display of student art work. She then contacted the art department staff to coordinate the details.

"My inspiration was the university. The way they want to expose students to art is to make it a part of their life. The library is so central to the lives of everyone on campus academically, it's a natural extension," Bahr said.

Dr. Bahr received the money from the Middendorf Foundation this spring and the plan is to have

that essay still has the most impact on my students. Reading it is a life-altering experience for them," said Joe Mohler, religion teacher in the Baltimore area and SU alumnus. "It is important that news of the symposium is communicated to as many of Dr. Miller's former students as possible."

"I prefer writing in a way that's accessible to people. I try not to be just intellectual but existential, that is, to give it relevance to the reader's personal life," Miller said.

Miller is writing a new book, which is prospectively titled *In the Throes of the Future: History, Culture and Normative Order*, and says he will continue to write during his retirement.

"The new book is existential as well, and it's about what it is to be situated in history. Lots of philosophers say that that's the most important trait of human life. I'm trying to think through what that involves. I am trying to tell what experiences people can have in their historical being," Miller said.

During his retirement, Miller is also looking forward to having time to read and hike.

"We're going to be in Colorado for

the first year. We're going to be in a place where there are deep canyons on one side and 14,000 ft. mountains on the other," Miller said.

"Dr. Miller took what I said, chewed it up and rather than tell me the right answer, he spit it back at me until I had the ability and knowledge to make sense of my own thoughts. If that isn't teaching, I don't know what is," said one student on the message boards of the Facebook group.

"I'll probably miss students. That's my biggest concern," Miller said.

"He made me think in ways that I never had before. He taught me to be a more accepting and forgiving person, even to those who may not even appear to deserve it," said another student.

"I do have the option of coming back and teaching part-time. I'll seriously consider doing that," Miller said.

"Dr. Miller is the best professor I ever had. He's the reason I became a philosophy major," chimed in a third philosophy student.

"I'll consider interacting with people outside the classroom," Miller said.

"Watch out for those flying craters!" joked a philosophy student on Facebook.

VIGIL

and raise awareness of the issue among students. She is SU's representative of a county-wide sexual assault response team (SART) that includes local law enforcement, like Life Crisis, the state attorney's office and area counseling centers. Berkman has over 20 years of experience with women's services programs and has been instrumental in supporting the center's work with SU on preventing sexual assaults on campus and in the student community.

"The purpose of the SART is to make sure that sexual assaults are responded to correctly and handled correctly," Berkman said. "The point is that if a student becomes victimized we have a good system of care in place on campus and in the community. Salisbury University has been working with the Life Crisis Center because this age group is so vulnerable to rape and date rape."

The Life Crisis Center hotline is available to help anyone with issues ranging from drugs and alcohol abuse assistance to suicide and child abuse prevention. The hotline is open 24 hours a day and can be reached at 410-749-HELP or 800-422-0009.

"A lot of people don't feel comfortable reporting sexual assaults and we want everyone to know that we're here to help them with it," Berkman said. "Regardless of whether or not they want to press charges or enter the legal system we're ready to help victims of abuse."

"When you come down to recycling, a lot of people say 'Well, um, it doesn't cost nothing to recycle...It costs a lot to recycle. And when you look at it ... it

comes down to dollars and cents," White said.

In addition to the cost that deters politicians, people like White or Greg Stein, president of Delmarva Recycling, must work to promote their service or business, especially with the amount of people that are not recycling.

"The cost of not doing it out weighs the cost of doing it. It's all about changing the hearts and minds of people. Yes, it's going to cost us, but what is the price of not doing so?" White said.

"I'm just enjoying the good vibes and Mother Earth," said freshman Laura Stout.

The Environmental Students Association (ESA) attended the event

and offered free bike tune-ups sponsored by the local Salisbury business Bike Sport. Sophomore Virginia Gambrell, ESA president called the event "a great success" and encouraged everyone to start using their bicycles.

People attending the event got more than they bargained for with reggae music blasting on the speakers and a high point in student activism, everyone left with a little more knowledge on how to help our planet.

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Crime beat

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CDS Violation

An employee reported

a CDS violation in

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by University

Police resulted in the

seizure of suspected

marijuana, criminal

charges and adminis-

trative hearing pending.

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Clinton wins crucial victory in Pennsylvania



AP photo

Sen. Clinton holds a press conference outside a polling place in Conshohocken, PA, on the day of the Pennsylvania primary.

By Kristen Manion
Staff Writer

It was a big win for Democratic candidate Sen. Hillary Clinton last Tuesday. The April 22 primary in Pennsylvania yielded a 55 percent victory to the 45 percent of the vote awarded to rival Barack Obama.

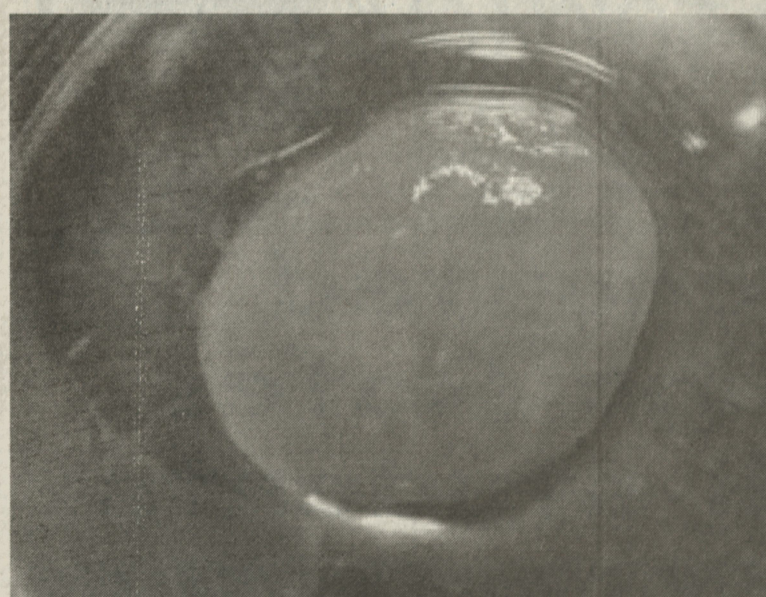
According to exit polls, Clinton won the vote of 83 out of the 158 delegates in the state, while Obama received the support of 73 delegates.

Clinton won the votes she was projected to receive: the white vote, older vote and rural areas, while her rival Obama won the projected votes among African Americans, urban areas and people under the age of 50. Despite the results of this primary, Obama still leads the New York senator in a close race for the highest office in the land.

This, amid the news that Clinton has recently come into debt, has led many political analysts to debate how much longer her campaign will last.

The next primaries will take place on May 6 in Indiana and North Carolina. Polls already indi-

A sign of the times: From food rationing to in-vitro meat to genetically engineered products



Internet photo

In vitro meat, which is grown in a lab from a small sample of animal tissue, could be one solution to the current food shortage crisis.

By Michelle Hinkle
Staff Writer

The supply of rice, flour and cooking oil is running thin in parts of the United States. Last week merchants began enforcing rationing to stretch essential products and serve more customers.

James Rawles, editor of SurvivorBlog.com, told *The New York Sun* that stories of shortages around the world have encouraged consumers to stock up on goods.

"What most people don't realize is that supply chains have changed, so inventories are very short," Rawles said. "Even if people increased their purchasing by 20 percent, all the store shelves would be wiped out."

Signs in Costco read, "Due to the limited availability of rice, we are limiting rice purchases based on your prior purchasing history."

Manufacturers from Japan and South Korea have begun buying genetically engineered corn to be used in their soft drinks, snacks and other foods. The riots in Haiti and other poor countries reflect the ris-

GLOBAL

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Wal-Mart tops Fortune 500, uses power to help environment

By Sara Sutton
Staff Writer

The Wal-Mart Corporation, known as the world's largest retailer, tops the Fortune 500, winning back its title after Exxon Mobile took the number one spot in 2007.

Before Exxon broke their streak last year, Wal-Mart had held the prestigious position for five consecutive years.

The Fortune 500 ranking system is based on a company's revenue of the previous fiscal year. Wal-Mart had \$378.8 billion in revenue in 2007, barely beating Exxon whose revenue was \$372.8 billion.

What is interesting to note is that Exxon actually beat Wal-Mart by way of profits, topping in at \$40.6 billion, where Wal-Mart only made \$12.7 billion.

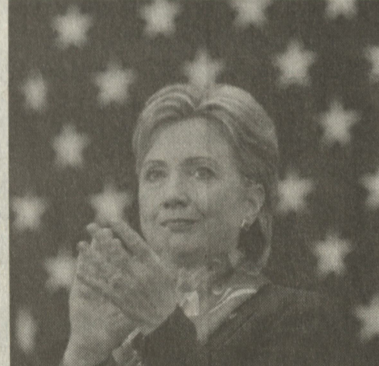
The Wal-Mart company was started in 1962 when Sam Walton opened his first store in Rogers, Arkansas. Now the company employs more than 1.6 million people in more than 6,200 facilities around the world.

With this growth came power in the market place. Wal-Mart shifted power from producers into the hands of retailers. Buying items in bulk by the millions, Wal-Mart is a huge necessity for many of their suppliers.

Since they are the world's largest retailer, they are often a supplier's biggest buyer, which gives them leeway to make demands. Wal-Mart has recently turned toward the environment in their newest demands.

"Wal-Mart is forging new ground here," said Kert Davies, research director at Greenpeace. "Wal-Mart has the power to coax suppliers into changing. They're taking on a daunting task, which is pretty cool."

"We have 66,000 suppliers and by changing how they get their materials and dispose of them, we can have an enormous impact," said Matt Kistler, Wal-Mart's senior vice president for sustainability.



AP photo

Sen. Clinton applauds her supporters at Penn State last Sunday.



Internet photo

Some say Wal-Mart has only gone green to help their damaged image.

Wal-Mart has improved the fuel efficiency of its trucks, reduced the packaging on foods, led the movement in selling more energy-efficient light bulbs and decided to purchase its wild seafood only from fisheries that have been certified as sustainable.

"Wal-Mart hopes to cut 2.5 million metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions by 2013, by making its existing stores 20 percent more efficient," said Stacy Mitchell, a senior researcher at the Institute for Local Self-Reliance, an environmental group.

The catch though, is that "new stores built in 2007 alone, will consume enough electricity to add approximately 1 million metric tons of carbon dioxide to the atmosphere. At that rate, by 2013 Wal-Mart will be offsetting its cut of 2.5 million metric tons of carbon dioxide by adding 28 million metric tons of new emissions within the same time period," Mitchell said.

Critics are challenging Wal-Mart on their newly found environmental concern saying that they are only promoting it to help their damaged image. Environmentalists are also pondering whether Wal-Mart will keep using more environmentally concerned suppliers if it means smaller profits.

Critics and consumers alike hope Wal-Mart is sincere in its efforts to help the environment with this major impact they have on their suppliers, employees and customers.

HISTORY CORNER

APRIL 29
1967. After refusing induction into the United States Army the day before (citing religious reasons), Muhammad Ali is stripped of his boxing title.

APRIL 30
1983. American blues legend Muddy Waters dies at the age of 70.

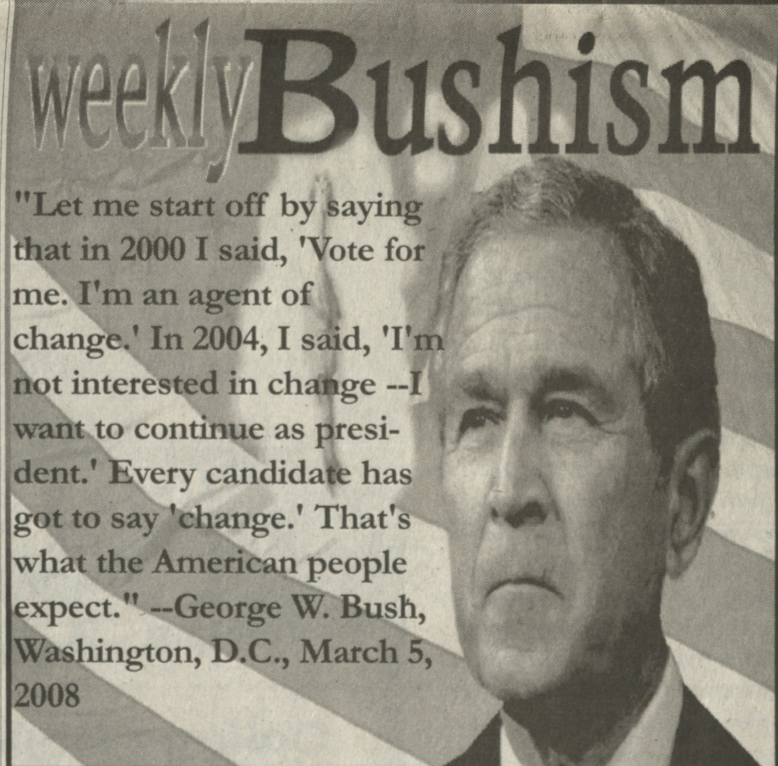
MAY 1
1997. Tasmania becomes the last state in Australia to decriminalize homosexuality.

MAY 2
1946. "Battle of Alcatraz" - Alcatraz Federal prison, San Francisco is taken over by six inmates following failed escape attempt.

MAY 3
1937. Gone with the Wind wins the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction.

MAY 4
1904. The United States begins construction on the Panama Canal.

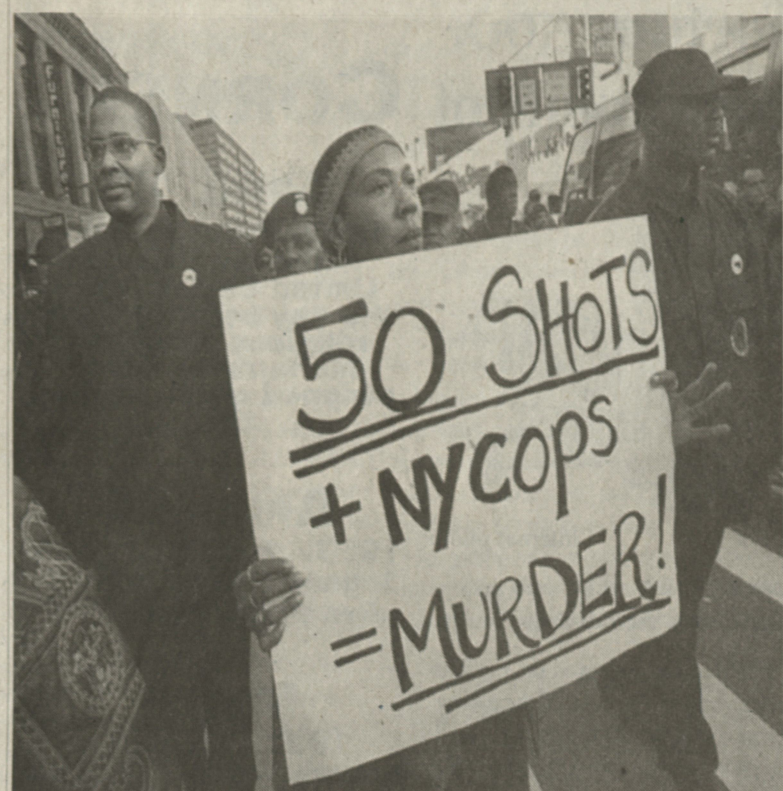
MAY 5
1983. The Hitler diaries were revealed as a hoax when experts examined the books and concluded that they were fake.



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NYPD officers cleared of murder charges Sean Bell supporters plan peaceful protests



AP photo

A woman protests the acquittal of police officers Michael Oliver, Gescard Isnora and Marc Cooper - the cops who shot and killed Sean Bell.

By Jonathan Moynihan
Staff Writer

Three NYPD detectives were acquitted Friday morning of all charges after fatally shooting Sean Bell by firing shots into the back of his vehicle in Nov. 2006.

The 23-year-old Bell, was supposed to get married on Saturday, Nov. 25, but would never attend his own wedding. In the early morning hours of that day, 50 rounds of bullets were fired on his car as Bell and two friends returned from Bell's bachelor party in Jamaica, Queens.

Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly reported that one of his men fired his weapon 31 times, emptying two full magazines. Bell's friends survived the gunshot wounds, but the groom was not as lucky. Reports said Bell was shot in the neck, shoulder and right arm. He died at the hospital.

Michael Oliver, Gescard Isnora and Marc Cooper were the undercover officers responsible for the barrage of bullets; critically

wounding 21-year-old Joseph Guzman, a 23-year-old Trent Benefield and killing Bell.

Immediately following the verdict, Bell's fiancée left the courtroom while his mother wept. The room remained under heavy security for the majority of the day in an attempt to contain the crowd, especially after the verdict of acquittal was declared.

The crowd was heard shouting "Murderers! Murderers!" and "KKKK!"

State Supreme Court Judge Arthur Cooperman explained that the officer's testimony held up much more than that of the victims.

"The people have not proved beyond a reasonable doubt that each defendant was not justified," Cooperman said. "At times, the testimony didn't make sense."

The New York Post reported that Guzman, one of Bell's friends in the car, initiated a confrontation inside the strip club and then threatened to get a gun. After hearing of that, an undercover

officer alerted for backup and began to follow the trio to their car, anticipating that they would retrieve a weapon.

The report states that the officer confronted Bell, but he accelerated and immediately hit an unmarked police van. Officers then opened fire on Bell, Guzman and Benefield.

Officer Isnora, one of the gunmen, testified that he heard Guzman shout, "Yo, go get my gun." This led him to pursue the individual and begin shooting toward the vehicle as the driver bumped Isnora with his car. This was after Isnora identified himself as a police officer.

Another source told the New York Daily Times that no such communication was made prior to the shooting and that the officers never identified themselves to Bell or his friends. Guzman and Benefield testified that they were unaware of any police activity and that gunfire erupted without warning.

No weapon was found in their vehicle.

In a post-verdict speech, each officer addressed the media thanking Judge Cooperman, the police and family and friends for their support. They rarely apologized for their actions. Additional comments were made to those close to the victim.

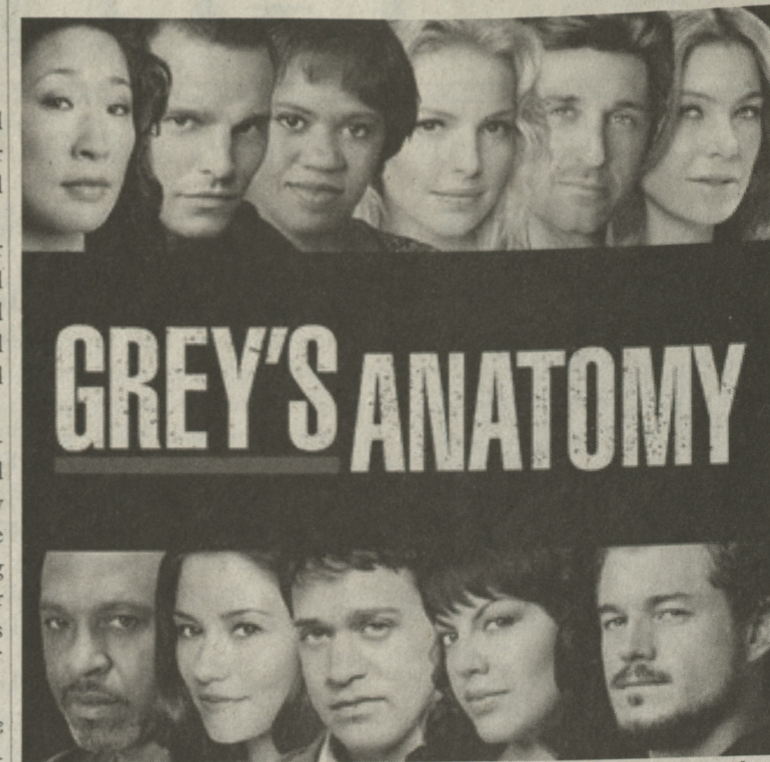
"I'd like to say sorry to the Bell family for the tragedy," Officer Cooper said.

Bell's family was comforted by the Reverend Al Sharpton and many other supporters as they planned a series of non-violent protests on Saturday.

Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg offered a statement of grief to all those involved.

"There are no winners in a trial like this," Bloomberg said. "An innocent man lost his life, a bride lost her groom, two daughters lost their father, and a mother and father lost their son. No verdict could ever end the grief that those who knew and loved Sean Bell suffer."

End of writers strike does not yield high ratings



Internet photo

In an effort to boost ratings, Shonda Rhimes, creator of Grey's Anatomy, promises surprises in the last few minutes of the season finale.

By Douglas Allers
Staff Writer

New episodes until late March or early April. There are of course other explanations to the ratings decline, but it seems mostly due to the strike.

"I didn't watch TV when the strike was going on, so I haven't paid attention to when new episodes are even coming back," said student Lindsay Kline.

Chrissy Fichter, once an avid fan of Grey's Anatomy, said, "I lost interest. There was too much of a gap in between old and new episodes. I

can't even remember what happened in the last new episode of the season."

To bring back viewers, Shonda Rhimes, creator of Grey's Anatomy, told USA Today, "There'll be some surprises in the last two or three minutes [of the May 22 season finale]. There'll be things people will be talking about all summer long."

A lot of networks have promised great climactic schemes to draw back viewers, but will they pan out?

CBS's *How I Met Your Mother* had a significant ratings increase, up to 23 percent, due in part to a publicity stunt in which Britney Spears guest-starred on the March 24 episode. Because of the high ratings and good reviews, Spears is set to return to another episode.

In another publicity-stunt, Grey's Anatomy will bring back Addison, the lead in its spin-off *Private Practice*, for at least one episode, set to air next week.

A possible explanation for the ratings decrease, besides the strike, is the fact that many of these shows are simply getting old.

"Every show declines over time," said the USA Today article. "Viewers might simply be growing bored."

"Another factor in the data is that Daylight Saving Time tends to drain viewership this time of year anyway, particularly shows airing at 8 p.m.," reported MSNBC.

"I'm definitely not inside anymore that early," said Christina Barry. "I am outside, enjoying the warm weather."

The April 24 issue of USA Today said, "Ratings for TV's top show, *American Idol*, are down seven percent to an average 29 million viewers for regular episodes and down 10 percent among adults ages 18 to 49."

"It's kind of getting old," said SU student Lauren Verbich. "I used to watch every season. I guess since nothing new was on television for a while, I kind of just stopped watching it in general."

It's not just *American Idol*'s ratings that are down. CBS' *Survivor* has gone down in ratings 10 percent. MSNBC reported on April 24 that "ABC's *Desperate Housewives* is down 33 percent among adults aged 18 to 49, NBC's *ER* [is] down 24 percent and CBS' *CSI: NY* [is] down 12 percent, among others."

When the strike was resolved back on Feb. 12 it meant that new episodes could begin taping again. A lot of shows did not return with

American Idol's ratings are down seven percent to an average 29 million viewers for regular episodes.



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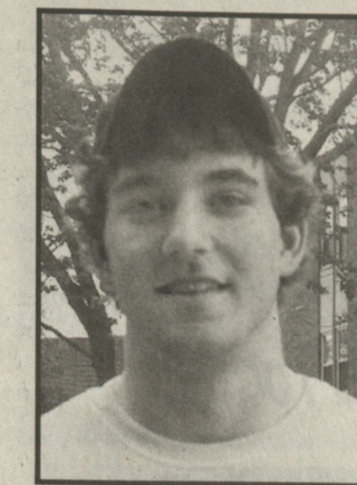
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Overheard:

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Who would you like to see at next year's Spring Concert?



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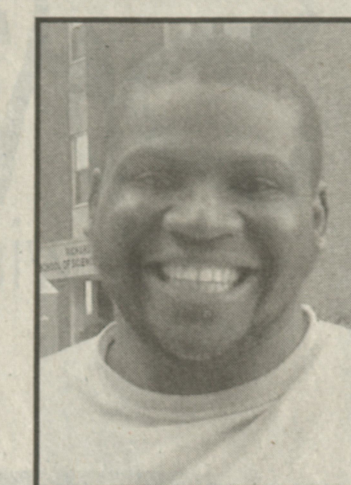
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Dane Young - sophomore



"Portishead"

Floriana Echeverria - senior



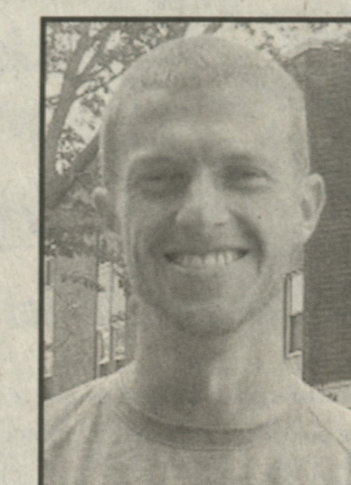
"Some type of female singer like Sara Bareilles."

Kwame Wright - freshman



"O.A.R."

Meg Dumsha - freshman



"Jay-Z."

Nick Peel - grad student

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{letter to editor in chief}.....

Editor in Chief,

I read your letter last week, and I couldn't help but to initially become angry, and soon after downhearted. I'm sorry for bible thumpers. I'm sorry for the Crusades. I'm sorry for priests that rape little boys and girls. I'm sorry for Christians that yell "God Hates F***s." I'm sorry for people that say "God D*** America." I'm sorry for Indulgences and Anti-Semitism. I'm sorry for the people that have come to evangelize to people and made them feel like they are being condemned. I'm sorry for the televangelists that sit on television and make Christianity a joking matter. I'm sorry for the inauthentic Christians that tell you that you need Jesus without getting to know who you are.

I'm sorry for the times that I have

zealously tried to trick people into believing in Jesus, approaching people with an agenda to "Give them God." I'm sorry for the times that I have told people to be against abortion, only to fornicate (or masturbate) behind closed doors. I'm sorry for being that inauthentic Christian, telling people they need this beautiful relationship without even stopping to get to know this person. I'm sorry for showing Jesus down people's throats. I'm sorry for every time that I avidly quote Jesus or Paul, only to cloud the message I tried to spread by doing something that made someone ask, "Isn't he a Christian?" I'm sorry for every time that I have painted a beautiful picture of Jesus, only to obliterate it with my actions.

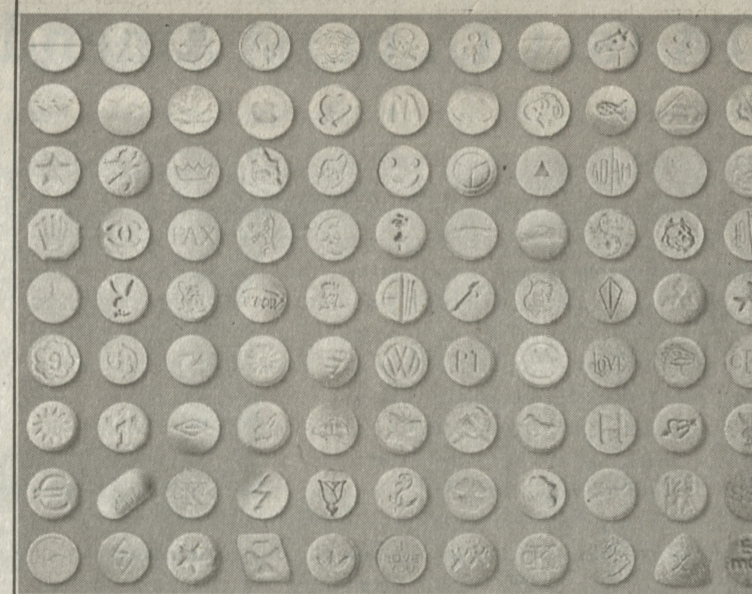
The reason I apologize for so much is because I know that

through our actions as people, we often painted a picture contrary to the cause that we fight so hard for. Jesus was a man of love, a man of compassion, a man that loved people through his actions. Sometimes in our haste, we want people to experience the joy of this relationship so much, that we fail to act in love; because we accept the Bible as truth, some of us accept that truth isn't found anywhere else, and we are eager to destroy all of those arguments.

I want people to know that I am here to talk to them if they have questions they need cleared up, just want to vent, or want issues to be cleared up. My e-mail address is ag73786@students.salisbury.edu.

God is love and love is real, AEG

Student does not receive proper medical attention Classic case of stereotyping college students



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McCarthy believes that her drink was spiked with ecstasy, which can cause dehydration, shortness of breath and anxiety, amongst other things.

By Megan McCarthy
Staff Writer

Whether it be race, age, or gender, who decides which group of people are more important than another?

College students are among the many to be stereotyped, generalized, and just plain discriminated against. Edward R. Murrow once stated that "Everyone is a prisoner of his own experiences. No one can eliminate prejudices-just recognize them." In my freshmen year of college, I found out what it was like to have someone deny me fair treatment.

College can be a time when students are figuring out who they want to be. Our attitudes change as we experiment with rebellious behaviors. Throwing caution to the wind, I took the alcoholic beverage route. Bad choice. It was only a matter of time before I would go out and drink every weekend. I mean what else was I supposed to do on a Friday night, not wanting to make a weekly trip to Wal-Mart for a special on hunting knives?

During my usual weekend routine at the frat house, I was sipping on some red juice when I became dizzy, my

heart was racing, and I started hyperventilating. I couldn't breathe or stand up straight. I started shaking and clenching my teeth. We called a friend and he took me to the hospital.

The waiting room was empty so my health information was taken right away. As I was admitted and wheeled into a room, all I wanted to do was sleep. While I laid in bed, a nurse came in; without even saying a word to me, she rolled her eyes and sighed. Her eyes turned to my three friends, and she glared at them as if they had something to do with why I was hyperventilating. From the very beginning she judged me based on who I was a college student.

She told me my breathing problems were all in my head. Nurse Joyce also questioned me about taking drugs. She was convinced I was a liar and kept saying, "I know you do drugs. Just admit it."

I question Joyce's competence as a nurse. During all her accusations she had it set in her mind that because I was underage and drinking, I must be a bad person. I also happened to fit into the

"college student" category.

When I was finally allowed to sleep the nurse walked in and threw her clipboard on my stomach and hollered for me to wake up. She told me I could go home, diagnosing me as "drunk." What a genius. I didn't even get a print-out of my results.

Nurse Joyce obviously wasn't going to vote me favorite patient of the year. Her snobby comments revealed her distaste for me. She made it especially clear when I was getting ready to leave. Nurse Joyce asked me if I went to Frostburg University and when I said yes she replied, "It figures." Then she proceeded to say, "There are better things to do on a Saturday night, you know?"

I was convinced that someone put some sort of drug into my drink. The more I researched, ecstasy seemed very possible. I had a drug test done at the health center. Trace amounts remained in my system but not enough to be conclusive. The side effects were dehydration, shortness of breath, anxiety and sleep deprivation for ten days, not to mention the paranoia and trust issues.

It angers me that because of my age I was discriminated against and did not get the proper treatment I deserved, both physically and emotionally. The drug test results could have been different if I was tested right away. I have to live with the situation for the rest of my life. It reminds me of how lucky I am to be alive and of the poor choices I made about underage drinking. It also reminds me of how I was judged by the hospital staff that was supposed to take care of me. It is easy to judge someone based on how they look, how old they are, or who they are associated with. The question that everyone must ask themselves is why do we generalize because that leads us to discriminate. It is no fun when the shoe is on the other foot.

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~SUDOKU~ The Rules of Sudoku

The classic Sudoku game involves a grid of 81 squares. The grid is divided into nine blocks, each containing nine squares.

The rules of the game are simple: each of the nine blocks has to contain all the numbers 1-9 within its squares. Each number can only appear once in a row, column or box.

The difficulty lies in that each vertical nine-square column, or horizontal nine-square line across, within the larger square, must also contain the numbers 1-9, without repetition or omission.

Every puzzle has just one correct solution. Good luck.

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Difficulty Rating: Medium

Solution to last week's puzzle:

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3	5	8	1	4	6	9	7	2
9	4	1	2	5	7	6	8	3
7	9	6	5	2	1	8	3	4
1	3	5	8	7	4	2	9	6
4	6	2	3	6	9	1	5	7

FROM THE SUGGESTION BOX

This column is based on the comments and concerns of students, faculty, and staff via the suggestion boxes placed around SU's campus. Please note that the suggestion box is now online at www.salisbury.edu/suggestionbox. The President's Office seeks responses to the issues raised from appropriate campus personnel. Not everything can be fixed, but a reasoned explanation can be offered. Keep those suggestions coming!

From the new online Suggestion Box:

"Laptop computers should be available for student use in places other than the library. For example Henson and Fulton should have places where students can check-out laptops. This would not only be very convenient for students but it would also reduce traffic in the library."

Jerome Waldron, Chief Information Officer, responded: "Good question. When we did our tech survey last spring we found that over 98% of SU students already computers. In the past two years we have seen that the vast majority of these are laptops (90%+). Students are certainly coming to campus with a great deal more technology that they once did. The student is correct; the only place to sign out a laptop is the Blackwell Library. There are many laptops in various schools, but these are generally owned by academic departments and only used for classes. Students can access computers in Fulton Hall, the University Center lab, Cool Beans, and other labs (sic) when they are not used for classes. I cannot see the university offering laptops for check out in other areas. It's too hard to control and manage. Lost or stolen equipment is not insured and would be hard for the university to replace. I hope that students who do not own laptops can get to one of the labs or Cool Beans. Sorry that we cannot meet this need."

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Imposed highway fees may cut back on traffic emissions



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Car emissions kill 30,000 people a year in the U.S. and most ozone pollution is caused by motor vehicles.

By Mary Simonds
Staff Writer

Thousands of people use the Capital Beltway, Interstate 270 and the George Washington Memorial Parkway everyday. Not to mention all the bridges that cross the Potomac River. So what if you were required to pay a fee each time you used one of these roads? Economists and the Bush Administration think that this would benefit traffic congestion and people as a whole. A federally funded study that was completed in the beginning of April determined how much revenue a tolling system would generate and how much it could reduce traffic congestion.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg of New York City brought together a group of environmentalists, business groups, and subway riders to support what he is calling "congestion pricing." This is an \$8 fee he would charge anyone that was driving downtown during business hours.

Many New York residents are completely against this idea so the Bush Administration offered a \$354 million incentive to these opponents to be used for public transit if this plan was put into effect. Unfortunately, the

Democrats in the New York legislature struck down this proposal three weeks ago.

This congestion pricing is currently working in London, Stockholm and Singapore. People are utilizing metro stations and other means of transportation to get where they need to be. This is reducing the amount of pollution put into the air we breathe as well as relieving the outrageous traffic congestion.

Car emissions kill 30,000 people a year in the United States and most ozone pollution is caused by motor vehicles. More than half of all United States citizens live in areas that fail to meet federal air quality standards at least several days a year. Making people pay to drive on major highways will decrease the amount of deadly toxins we emit into the air every single day.

Everyone has experienced the stresses related to sitting in bumper to bumper traffic, whether it is driving home for break or trying to get to Ocean City on Fourth of July weekend. Enforcing congestion pricing would cut back on gas, time lost, stress and air pollution, making it beneficial to everyone.



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PA primary changes nothing for Clinton

By Jeremy Riffe
Staff Writer

Last Tuesday, the Pennsylvania Democratic primary was held, and the victor was Senator Hillary Clinton. Senator Clinton's margin of victory was a little over nine percent, an important victory in a campaign in need of revitalization, but not enough of a win to overcome or even threaten Senator Barack Obama's lead in elected delegates or in the popular vote. Some people had hoped that the Pennsylvania election would have brought an end to the increasingly hostile nomination process, but with Clinton pushing on to campaign in the remaining primaries and with Obama still the frontrunner, the fight for the nomination appears to be nowhere near ending.

This bodies poorly for the Democratic Party. The longer the nominating takes, the longer it will take for the party to begin a campaign for the general election, giving the Republicans an advantage since the GOP has all but unified behind Senator John McCain. An added shortfall of the

continued struggle between Clinton and Obama is that the eventual nominee, whoever that may be, could be negatively affected by the battle for the nomination, further harming the Democratic Party's chances in the general election.

The problem lies with Clinton's tenacity. The numbers are virtually insurmountable. Obama has 1489 delegates to Clinton's 1333. There are only nine primaries left; the largest of those, North Carolina, is expected to go heavily towards Obama; the next largest, Indiana, is a virtual tie right now. Clinton simply cannot overcome the delegate deficit without the support of the (by now) infamous superdelegates. In the popular vote as well, Clinton just cannot keep up with Obama, who has some 500,000 votes more than Clinton. If Clinton forces a brokered convention, which it appears she is willing to do, she will not be able to justify receiving the nomination without potentially alienating large sections of the Democratic Party.

In addition, blinding her to the

inevitable, Clinton's desire to win is causing her to take some questionable, if not outright dishonest, actions. According to Democratic Party rules, Michigan and Florida set their primaries too early; so they were stripped of their delegates. Most of the Democratic candidates agreed not to campaign in those states, and all of the candidates except Clinton, Mike Gravel and Dennis Kucinich removed their names from the ballot in Michigan. However, after Clinton won both of the primaries, she advocated that the two states be allowed to name candidates to the Democratic convention.

Clinton is holding to her statement that she is "in it to win it." The problem is that she cannot even win the nomination, at least not without eviscerating the Democratic Party. You cannot win a horse race by beating a tired horse to the finish line; you'll only end up with a dead horse. Senator Clinton needs to step aside for the sake of her party, and if that isn't enough of a reason, then for the sake of her own legacy.

GTA vs. CTA in 1st Amendment clash

By Derek Pettinelli
Staff Writer

April 29 2008, there was a riot in the streets, tell me where were you? You were sittin' home playing GTA, participant' in some anarchy. As of today, one of the biggest and most anticipated videogames of all time is now finally available. Grand Theft Auto IV for the PlayStation 3 and Xbox 360 is set to bring hours of entertainment to millions of people, as the hype for this title has been astronomical. However, the name GTA has been synonymous with controversy since GTA III was released in 2001, giving birth to the "sandbox" type of gameplay, which allows players the freedom to do anything from steal cars to put out fires. Playing as a criminal in a virtual world that offers choice seems like it was asking for trouble and has ensured that GTA is always a target of politicians and other undesirables.

Last weekend in Chicago there were 36 shootings and nine homicides, up from the corresponding weekend of last year's 19 shootings and four homicides. Also in Chicago, the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) decided to remove advertisements of GTA IV from city buses and buildings. In 2004, Governor Rod Blagojevich also rallied against ads for GTA: San Andreas, a game which was recalled due to an inaccessible drug humping sex scene, and only obtainable if one hacked the game. It was almost humorous to see everyone up in arms regarding one of the few legal acts in the game and also conveniently ignoring the game's anti-drug message. It's important to note

that advertising is protected as free speech under the first amendment as evidenced by a somewhat similar case in which a nonprofit group called Change the Climate successfully argued that the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority violated first amendment rights by refusing to run an ad in favor of changing marijuana laws.

The ads for GTA IV are hardly inappropriate; as they only show game characters and the game logo, nothing sexual or violent. Critics of the ads often use tried and true methods of fear mongering, claiming to be protecting the children, as they seem to think all videogames are for kids, despite the game being rated Mature for ages seventeen and up. While the game is lambasted for "targeting children," isn't it the parent's job to monitor what their children are doing in the first place? Double standards are also present as R-rated movies are allowed while the gaming equivalent is discriminated against.

With GTA being doused in controversy and being as big as it is, it's a perfect target and scapegoat used to distract from real problems that plague society. Although many in the public light wish to censor things that they personally find offensive, the world doesn't work that way and they need to simply deal with it. In the end, it's just a game that's less violent than many movies out there; it doesn't cause people to kill and if it did, there'd be millions of murderers on the real streets instead of the virtual ones.



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511 moral waivers were given to convicted felons last year.

Moral waivers take the honor out of military service

By Rachel Lopez
Staff Writer

Army- when you think of this word you may think strong, brave and patriotic. Never would I have associated [it] with the terms: rapist, thief and criminal. This may have to change in the near future because, according to an article on Googlenews.com, more and more ex-cons are enlisting in the Army. The Army enlisted 69,395 men and women last year; yet last year the U.S. Army doubled its use of "moral waivers" for enlisted soldiers to cope with the demands of the Iraq war, according to records that were recently released. The Army gave out approximately 511 moral waivers to soldiers with felony convictions last year.

For those who are unaware, all branches of the military have certain requirements, whether it is for education, age, physical fitness level, etc. A moral waiver allows for there to be exceptions among individuals who do not meet requirements, including a criminal history.

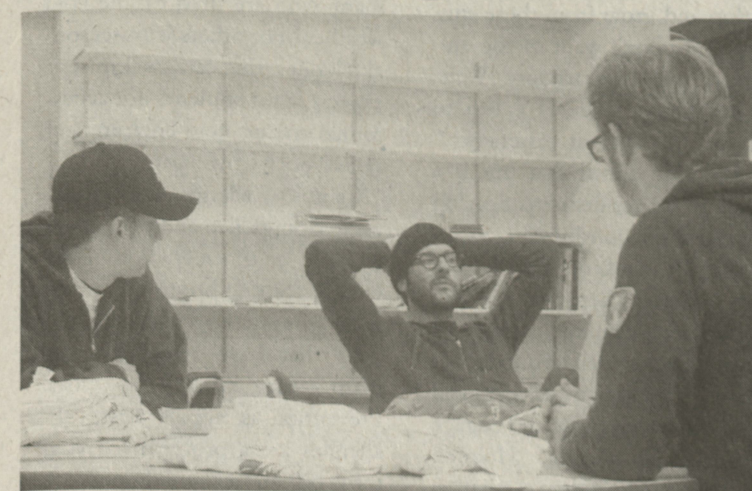
Among the criminals that were accepted in the Army, 87 were convicted of assault, 130 convicted of non-cannabis-related drug offenses, seven convicted of making terrorist threats and two convicted of indecent behavior with a child. While soldiers with criminal histories made up only 11.7 percent of the Army recruits in 2006, the spike in waivers raises concerns about whether the military is trying to meet its recruitment demands in a time of war.

In my opinion, I think it is an honor to serve in the military, an honor that not everyone should have. We want the proper people representing our country. Not only are we defending our soil, but we are defending what we stand for. Do we really want child predators to fight for our country?

I understand that everyone deserves a second chance and they might want to redeem themselves, but if we are going to give moral waivers to criminals let us at least have some standards. Waivers

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REEL BIG FISH: Real Big Saviors



Pulse editor Matt Rains (far left) sits down with RBF members Scott Klopstein (center) and Ryland Steen (far right).

By Matthew Rains
Staff Writer/Pulse Editor

After a last minute cancellation of OneRepublic's set just 48 hours before their scheduled performance at Salisbury University's spring concert, punk-ska legends Reel Big Fish saved the day making a last-minute overnight detour from New York. We caught up with RBF drummer Ryland Steen backstage to talk about the band's new album, life without a major record label, and why being head of the ska department isn't such a bad thing.

Tell us a little bit about the new album "Monkeys for Nothin and the Chimps for Free" and what we can expect to hear on the new record.

Well the album name comes from the Dire Straits song, "Money for Nothing" and it was just kind of a play on words. Aaron [Barrett] has always come up with long album titles that leave you kind of laughing but kind of confused at the same time. As far as the album itself, that was done in about a month. We have our own studio now, and now that the band has been off of a major

label and independent for the last couple years, it affords us the opportunity to just go at our own pace, record what we want, when we want. It's being released through Rockridge Music and the relationship with them has been great. They're basically acting as a record label but we don't have to deal with all of the bureaucratic nonsense that goes along with that. One thing I liked about the process is that it really harkened back to the redds abandon that the band had when they did "Turn the Radio Off," and that is really what the band is getting back to—I guess you could call it the cliché, "we're getting back to our roots," but in a way it's kind of true—it's just getting back to just having fun, playing music. That's sort of what the album has tried to encapsulate, and now whenever we record we want to try to capture that same feeling.

In 2006, RBF was finally dropped from a long-term contract with Jive records, which was a major relief for the band. So what does this mean for the future of RBF now that they've regained their creative control?

RBF got its start in 1992 when many of our readers were in elementary school. So how does it feel to be veterans of ska-punk and to still be going stronger than ever 16 years later?

It happens so gradually. It's not like a promotion where now all of a sudden you're the head of the ska department. It just turns into this title that you get and I think it's one of those things where you think about it sometimes and it's pretty cool that we, along with a few others, have outlasted so many other groups and never compromised what it was that we were trying to do musically. RBF just always had this honesty and sincerity about what they were doing. Being in this band, I finally realized what it means to have a loyal fan base. Other bands are like, "Oh our fans are so great," but our fans are awesome. Without them we couldn't be doing this.

Would you say the band has created its own culture?

Yeah exactly, it's its own sub-culture. It's sort of becoming an institution at this point.

CONCERT PHOTOS

Check out next week's issue and online for more photos



Clockwise from top left: Crocs Battle of the Bands winners Boats to Tangier set the tone for the evening. Fabolous gets the crowd bouncing and tour saviors Reel Big Fish ended the night with a bang. Photos by Brett Morgan and Leslie Pusey

Red Bull Gravity Challenge aims high for Earth Day



Leslie Pusey photo

Students Dwayne Ravello and Aaron Sperling, AKA Team Zissou, test their gravity-defying device. Unfortunately, their egg broke.

By Jillian Verpent
Staff Writer

Students passing through Red Square last Thursday stopped to watch people being hoisted up on a crane. It was the first-ever Red Bull Gravity Challenge held on Salisbury University's campus, and it had curious onlookers gathered to see exactly what was going on.

The Gravity Challenge was held as part of the week-long Earth Day celebration on campus. For the challenge, contestants had to design a device to protect an egg being dropped from 50 feet in the air. The rule to keep in mind was that the egg actually had to hit the ground.

Three judges were in place to evaluate the teams on creativity, design and overall performance.

Several teams participated in the event and all contributed creative and fun ideas. The gravity challenge was the hit of the day, drawing in the crowd by offering complementary Red Bull. However, once the crowd was there, it was hard to walk away. Between contestants, DJ Amaze kept the crowd entertained with a mix of fun, energetic music. His mix can be downloaded from his Facebook page. He also held dance contests and gave the winners free cases of Red Bull.

Two groups, the Outdoor Club (ODC Gulls) and Team Splurge, tied for first place.

Alyssa Henn, a junior at Salisbury University, gave credit for their design to Sam Gibson, the Outdoor Club advisor. Their design was a seagull that would, glide the egg 50 feet to safety.

Their design was very original; a seagull glided through the air, leaving only a slight crack in the fragile egg.

"Keeping in mind the fact that we're the Sea Gulls, I wanted to create something that would glide rather than just fall," Gibson said.

Team Splurge had an equally strong showing in the competition, giving them the right to share the title of winner.

All of the teams who entered the contest worked hard to earn their spot.

Brian Papson, a junior at SU, and his partner Matt Cohen, a sophomore, both WXSU employees, heard about the event from a friend and made the decision to participate.

"We were really excited about it," Cohen said. "We got together one weekend and brainstormed a bunch of ideas, and we came up with something we thought would work."

The Gravity Challenge was a chance for people to participate in a fun event that benefited the ultimate goal, which was to raise awareness for Earth Day.

"SGA and Red Bull thought the challenge would help make the overall event better and bring more students to come participate in the day's activities," said Dave Kroening, an SU student who works for Red Bull.

"Earth Day is an important celebration because it is an opportunity for us as students to realize the impact we have on our environment," said Lili Afkhami, president of SGA. "As students, we are equipped with the resources we need to make a difference for our future."

SU students gear up for Relay

By Stacie Manger
Staff Writer

The Salisbury campus is preparing for its seventh annual Relay for Life® fundraising event. Relay begins on Friday, May 2, at 6 p.m. in the intramural fields.

"This is one of the biggest events on campus," said student Relay committee member Sam Klenkel. "Our Relay has been nationally recognized two years in a row."

This year's Relay theme is "Lights, Camera, Cure!" Each of the participating teams picks a movie and creates activities based on their film to raise money the night of Relay.

"My team has the movie Patch Adams," said one of the Campus Crusade for Christ captains Carlie Slenk. "We are wearing scrubs and clown noses, like the movie, and we are also having a wellness center. We have nursing students who are going to take blood pressures

and we are going to be giving shoulder massages."

Slenk said her team is selling patches that people can decorate. The patches will be sewn together to make a quilt which will be donated to a children's hospital.

Relay for Life kicks off with a few speakers, one of which is a cancer survivor. After the speakers, the survivors commence Relay in the first lap around the intramural course. The second lap involves the caregivers of the patients.

Relay for Life is not just about walking around a course; there are plenty of activities that participants can enjoy. There will be four bands playing throughout the earlier portion of the night. One of the groups, Blue Light Special, is a faculty band.

There will be themed laps such as a three-legged race and a wheel barrel race. SOAP will be showing its weekly movie, two dance groups will perform and Relay is hosting a

"Miss Relay" competition.

"Teams dress up a guy as a girl and he competes for the prize," Klenkel said.

There will be virtual survivors this year. If a cancer survivor cannot make it to the event, someone can take his or her place. The virtual survivors participate in the survivor dinner and lap, and get access to the survivor tent.

The participant wears a pin with the cancer patient's picture on it. The cancer patient is mailed a Relay for Life t-shirt and a picture of Sammy the Sea Gull.

"I'm very excited for this year's Relay," Slenk said. "Last year was a lot of fun and the theme this time is exciting."

For more information please contact relay4life@salisbury.edu or visit <http://events.cancer.org/rflsurelay>. It's not too late to help raise money in the effort to find a cure for cancer.

From the Photo Bank: What's happening on campus



Sarah Wright photo

BTGLASS president Robert Codgell participates in the National Day of Silence by holding a demonstration on Friday in Red Square. "The silence represents an oppression of LGBT community members," he said.



Leslie Pusey photo

Students representing their dormitory teams battle it out in flag football during RHA's annual Spring Olympics last week.



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SU president Janet Dudley-Eshbach flashes the peace sign as she rolls through Earth Day in her golf cart.

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"I have recently been pursuing someone and I am really into him. I love hanging out with him and we are constantly around friends. I am really attracted to him and I find myself wanting to kiss him constantly but he does not like PDA, which I don't really mind. What should I do?"

If your new boyfriend does not like public displays of affection, keep them within limits and respect his wishes. Remember that you can do things in the privacy of your own home, which I'm sure he would enjoy much more. If your friends are always around you two, they are quickly going to get sick of watching you make out. PDA is wonderful if you're the one happy and in love, oblivious to everyone around you, kissing up a storm. Maligned by those who are not in the first blush of a romance and are just trying to walk to class, PDA is okay if it is done in moderation. Here's the thing—it can get so intense as to be deeply uncomfortable to those around you. They don't know where to look and it feels a little perverted to be witnessing such a personal act. Holding hands, an arm across a shoulder and brief (BRIEF!) kisses hello and goodbye are acceptable. Remember that by listening to what he wants, you'll show that you really care about him and that will mean a lot to him.

"My friend from home and I go to different schools but she is transferring here next semester. I'm very excited but also nervous. She is really clingy and depends on me for a lot of things. I feel like I have changed a lot since high school and I don't want things with my new friends to change now that she is going to be

around. How should I deal with incorporating an old friend into my new group?"

As we grow up we change, and as this happens we often drift away from old friends. It is a normal part of life. For the most part, friendships drift apart so slowly that the break is virtually painless. If one friend is ready for a change in their life when the other is not, the end result can lead to resentment and hurt feelings. I suspect this is what is happening to you. Put yourself in her position. What is her main reason for transferring? Is she lonely at her former school? Or is she switching for the education principle? While you are worried about her being clingy, try to give her the benefit of the doubt. She might surprise you. Ask her to come down for a weekend before school is over so she can meet everyone and is not pushed into a new group of friends her first week here. She will be more comfortable if she knows what she is getting herself into. Introduce her to everyone and keep hanging out with your new friends.

Don't exclude her because she will feel left out and resent you, but do not feel like you have to invite her everywhere. Tell her about clubs and sports the school offers and see if any interest her. If you know people who are already involved in those activities, ask them to bring her to a meeting or interest group. If she becomes too clingy and dependent on you, simply but gently tell her you have a life at school too and that you cannot babysit her. It is not fair to you to have to find friends for her and be her social coordinator. See how the first few weeks of school go, and feel the situation out from there. Remember that she is probably having a hard time adjusting, but do not let her walk all over you and make you feel guilty for not playing babysitter. She might be feeling the same way as you and might be excited to meet new people too. Give her a chance to adjust, and see how she fits in with your friends before you get nervous.

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People Making A Difference

By Kellie Madden
Staff Writer

Dealing with underclassmen living arrangements and all the drama that comes with it may seem like a lot to handle. As Assistant Director for Residence Life, PJ Boggio tackles housing issues and much more on a regular basis.

Boggio started as a Resident Assistant in her undergraduate years at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

"I fell in love with residence life," Boggio said. Boggio then went on to get her Masters from IUP in Student Affairs in Higher Education and moved on to work as a resident director for the college. Boggio said she saw that Salisbury had posted an opening for assistant director for Residence Life, and she was ready to take the next step in her career.

"I came to Salisbury and fell in love with the campus. I was really impressed with the school and the people I met. Everyone seemed very student-focused and I really liked that aspect," Boggio said.

After she began working at SU, Boggio said she came to find that this dedication to student focus rang true. As assistant director, Boggio said the largest areas she oversees are hiring and selecting student and professional staff, working with the living learning community, as well as program-

ing initiatives of the department.

One of the challenges Boggio said she faces with her job is parent phone calls. Boggio explained that many times when students are living away from home for the first time they may face problems adjusting to a new environment. She added that because young people are so used to communicating through technology they sometimes lack the ability to communicate on a face-to-face level. Not having these personal communication skills, Boggio said, often creates a great deal of conflict in roommate situations. Boggio explained that while dealing with parents can be a great aspect of her job, it can be a challenge as well, since parents will often want to protect their child and request to change rooms without trying to resolve the situation at hand.

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Assistant Director for Resident Life PJ Boggio

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Club Spotlight

Sociology Action Club

By Samantha Sullivan
Staff Writer

Have you ever wanted to make a difference in the world but didn't know where to start? The answer is the Sociology Action Club (SAC) at Salisbury University.

"If you want to get involved but don't know where to go or what to do, you can come to us and we will

raise awareness about sociological problems," said senior Margaret Donohue, President of the SAC.

Some of the current issues the club is focusing on include sexism and the environment. The club will be taking a canoe trip in the near future. The SAC also has discussions and goes on trips concerning events like Darfur, with those who have an interest and

ing action. Although the SAC works closely with the sociology department at Salisbury University, those interested do not have to be sociology majors.

"We are willing to back people," said treasurer Daniel Hirko.

Professor Dunn from the sociology department recently worked with the club to get the message out about immigration when they showed a film on it as well as discussed the issue. The club is a great way to interact with the school's faculty outside of the classroom setting.

The SAC also participates in events to better society and make their name known. They have a Relay for Life team, hold bake sales, volunteer at a soup kitchen and participate in the multicultural festival. They have also designed t-shirts for the club that members wear around campus.

"We do work with other campus organizations as well as off-campus organizations, too," said Donohue. "The club is willing to work with anyone or any group of people with a cause."

"[SAC] opens doors you didn't know could be opened," said Hirko. "It is a chance to make something happen that you never thought you could take on alone."

The club is always open to new members and hopes to sustain itself in upcoming semesters because of the future graduation of its current executive board. Anyone interested in joining the Sociology Action Club or anyone with an interest in a particular issue/project you want to take on or raise sociological awareness about can contact Margaret Donohue at md56780@students.salisbury.edu.



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The Sociology Action Club is open to anyone interested in gaining a better understanding of society and taking action.

put you on the right track," said Tyler Swayne, Vice President.

Since the start of spring semester, the Sociology Action Club has become a registered student organization on campus and has wasted no time in getting people involved with the world around them. The club is a group of students who want to have fun and make a difference in any way they can. They use movies, discussions, activities and events to educate people about today's society.

"I would say our goal is just to

want to learn more about the topic.

"We are taking a trip to the Holocaust Museum on Saturday to learn about what happened so we can do what we can so that it doesn't happen again. Although nothing like that is going on right now, Darfur is similar in many ways," Donohue said.

"And we do have about five seats left," Swayne added.

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Eastern Shore organization provides support for women battling breast cancer

Salisbury, MD - April 29, 2008 -

For the past 15 years, Women Supporting Women has provided a foundation of support and hope for women battling cancer on the Eastern Shore. The organization began in 1993, when founder Sue Revelle recognized the need for such a support group in the area.

Today Women Supporting Women has expanded to include four offices in Salisbury, Berlin, Crisfield and Easton, to further their support throughout the Eastern Shore. The organization is dedicated to providing personalized service to each woman who walks through the door. Women Supporting Women considers each breast cancer patient a survivor from the moment of diag-

nosis and is equipped with the necessary tools to help patients through this difficult time. The organization provides free informational notes on chemotherapy, radiation and even information for children and spouses to help family members cope.

Whether it is one-on-one support, group counseling, or simply understanding and encouragement, Women Supporting Women is the foremost organization for breast cancer support on the Eastern Shore. For more information please contact Sarah Hendricks Telephone: 410-322-3591 Email: sh17570@students.salisbury.edu.

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HEALTH COLUMN

By Sarah Brinton
Staff Writer

Warm weather and nearing the end of the semester brings joy to many who are tired of the cold weather. For others with seasonal allergies, this can spell misery, especially for students not accustomed to the new environment at Salisbury University.

Causes of allergies can be anything from pollen and pet dander to mold or other environmental factors. Spring brings life, but it is also the source of health problems that have remained dormant for almost a year. Prevention is always best. If allergies are a problem for you, turn on an air conditioner at night instead of having open windows. Also, check the materials in your bedding and make sure it is clean. Older pillows can contain allergens that will affect you. If you are allergic to pets, try to avoid them.

You can even enclose your mattress and box spring in plastic. Cover and filter all of your vents. Clear out stuffed animals, decorative pillows, etc. from your apartment or dorm. Some people find relief from a high-efficiency particulate air or HEPA filter running during the night. These preventions and more can be found on the Allergy Fact Sheet from Student Health Services (SHS).

Being clean will help you when it comes to allergies. Vacuuming and dusting on a regular basis will get rid of those allergens before they have the chance to affect you severely.

Jennifer Berkman, Director of SHS, said, "Many students bring with them allergies to pollen, certain grasses, pets, dust, etc. However, when they hit the Eastern Shore for the first time, they may be more exposed to the molds and fungi that come from being near bodies of water and a damper, breezier climate. Therefore, some will react to these new triggers."

Allergies can cause many symptoms. Dry scratchy throat, sneezing, sinus pressure and cold-like symptoms can make final exams even more excruciating.

Berkman recommends Claritin and Zyrtec, which are offered over the counter. She adds, "If symptoms do not go away, healthcare providers can write prescriptions for other medications, including nose sprays and asthma medications, if you develop breathing problems."

Dr. Oz, as seen on Oprah, recommends a Neti Nasal Cleansing Pot to relieve allergies. Put salt water in the pot and pour into nose as directed. The Neti Nasal cleansing pot can clear passageways for allergy relief. This is an ancient remedy to alleviate various nasal ailments.

SU students can go to SHS for a fee for an examination and have a prescription written for them. "We also offer allergy shots to students who have been getting these treatments at home," Berkman said. SHS observes about 25 students on a weekly or bi-weekly basis for this.

"During the height of pollen season, which is our most prevalent 'trigger,' we probably see an average of 10 - 15 students per week with acute systems," she added.

"Some students also experience environmental allergies for the first time or more severely when they are living in older houses, in the dorms where there might be molds or fungus in the bathrooms, or locker rooms in the gym," Berkman explained.

Although the urge to participate in outdoor activities during this beautiful time of year is tempting, finding a remedy for your allergies is vital with final exams around the corner. Nevertheless, if you must be outside these days, try going to the beach. There is little pollen or other allergens to cause symptoms. The water may be cold, but wet suits are available and the sand can be a blast!

Salisbury Dance Company's Spring Concert impresses by leaps and bounds

By Lindsay Sappington
Staff Writer

Salisbury University Dance Company presented their Annual Spring Concert this past week from April 23-April 26 at 8 p.m. in Holloway Hall.

The 2008 SU Dance Company is comprised of 22 members ranging from freshmen to five graduating seniors. The eight different pieces were composed by many different guest choreographers including students, alumna, college directors and SU's Artistic Director, Victoria Hutchinson.

"All eight works are my favorites and each for a different reason," Hutchinson said.

Hutchinson has been at Salisbury University for the past 18 years. She trained at various schools, including the Boston Conservatory of Music, University of Utah, University

ing to crickets in a field on a summer night."

Hutchinson has been dancing since the early age of 16. Her first instinct was to be a Rockette at Radio City Music Hall, but after discovering modern dance and choreographing her first solo, she knew it was her calling.

"All the dancers are very talented," said senior Dan McFarland. "I really enjoyed coming and seeing the uniqueness of each different dance that they did. I also didn't expect it to be in depth as it turned out to be. They were working really hard and it showed. It was a very good performance."

The set design included ropes that the dancers hung from. The sound accompaniment was an environmental track that Hutchinson made of crickets chirping with an overlay of night time sounds, like a train whistle



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SU dance company members, clockwise from top left: Jamie Umstetter, Stephanie Hill, Missy Bauswell, Carly Morrison and Kristin Jenkins.

of Arizona, London Institute of Contemporary Dance, and many more.

"My favorite part about choreography is the endless possibilities for manipulating the abstract elements of dance: art, body, space, time, energy and relationships," Hutchinson said. "I tend to make abstract works that still express a thought or idea. Most of my works are inspired by instrumental music - that latest being the 'Cello Suite' by J. S. Bach. But I have other works inspired by an idea - like 'Acheatus Gryllus' (Field Crickets) that came from listen-

and a car whizzing by.

"I've never seen the Dance Company here perform before but I was very impressed," said sophomore Carrie Hultz. "They really put their all into their dancing and I liked the diversity with the different pieces. I feel like they mixed many different kinds of dance together and it turned out really great."

The Spring Concert benefited Relay for Life and the mission of the American Cancer Society to eliminate cancer.

For more information about the SU Dance Company, visit: <http://www.salisbury.edu/dance>

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Students participate in Salisbury Festival



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Students Megan McCarthy and Rachel Lopez talk to festival goers on Saturday about Women Supporting Women, a local organization dedicated breast cancer support and awareness.

By Danny Ross
Staff Writer

The 26th annual Salisbury Festival kicked off last Friday evening with opening ceremonies at the Riverwalk Park in Downtown Salisbury. Contributing to the ceremonies were Salisbury's Mayor Barrie Tilghman, as well as other local and state-level politicians. Salisbury University's own student choir performed in the opening events. Friday night also kicked off with carnival rides, games and local food items, which all drew large crowds to the event throughout the weekend.

On Saturday, the fun continued with the Salisbury Festival Car show. Cars from both yesteryear and today lined East Main Street. Further up East Main Street, "Arts on the Plaza" began to take over the street and sidewalks. This consisted of local vendors showcasing their creations and local food.

There was a "Park and Play" on North Division Street where local residents sold both new and used goods. Local organizations also set up tents to raise awareness for many causes.

There was "Hidden Under Our

Hats" exhibit for brain tumor awareness as well as a "Drive out Second Hand Smoke" event. One of the local organizations present was Women Supporting Women, a community-based and community-supported agency that serves the Eastern Shore of Maryland. WSW provides awareness, friendship and support for breast cancer survivors and their families. SU students are involved in helping the group create awareness for 18-28 year olds about breast cancer and WSW.

"Early detection saves lives and we're targeting all ages here at the festival. Sometimes women have a scare and they just need somebody to talk to. We just want them to know we're here," said Sue Revelle, Director of Women Supporting Women.

Students Cody Darby, Rachel Lopez, Megan McCarthy and Sarah Gaiser volunteered their time on Saturday at the Women Supporting Women booth. It was clear that the WSW organization had a special meaning for the students.

"They need somebody to reach out and talk to. One lady came up to us and told us she was afraid she had breast cancer. She was only 37 and she needed somebody to turn to for help and support. Women Supporting Women

gives that option for people," Gaiser said.

"It was a great feeling to hand out brochures about how to do a breast self-exam. A woman came to our table with four little kids and thanked us for being there with that information. She said she didn't know how to do one but now she does. That's what makes it worth it to help an amazing organization," McCarthy said.

The weather did prove to be a challenge but the students stuck it out. "It was hot but it was worth the time because plenty of people approached us with questions," Darby said.

With cancer statistics being particularly high on the lower shore, WSW is providing the help that is desperately needed. "Living on the Eastern Shore and with the rapid rate of breast cancer being diagnosed, you can't help but get involved," Lopez stated.

The Salisbury Festival concluded on Sunday with carnival rides and a football exhibition by the Pop Warner Wicomico Panthers. The event is held each year in Downtown Salisbury and in the Riverwalk Park. Anyone interested in participating in the event can contact the Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce at 410-749-0144.

Final Writers on the Shore presenters speak fluently to audience members

By Kristin Hawkins
Staff Writer

On April 22, students, faculty and members of the Salisbury community gathered in the Montgomery Room of Guerrieri University Center for the final installment of Salisbury University's annual Writers on the Shore series.

The week's presenters were husband and wife Kurt Brown and Lauren-Anne Bosselaar. The evening began with an introduction of the poets and the series itself by English professor Dr. Michael Waters. Waters gave an overview of the authors that have come to the Salisbury campus during his time teaching at the University. He listed several authors and poets that had passed away since then to give his audience an idea of the importance of this type of series.

Brown started the Aspen Writing Conference, as well as publishing and editing several anthologies and authoring several volumes of poetry. "He's the most modest poet I know...actually, he's the only modest poet I know," joked Waters during his introduction of Brown.

Bosselaar is as equally talented as her husband. She grew up in Belgium and speaks four different languages fluently. She is the author of three books and has published work in both French and Flemish. Both Bosselaar and her husband reside in New York and are on staff at Sarah Lawrence College.

Brown began the reading with a poem by a German poet entitled "My Mother's Hair." His calming voice captivated his audience as they sat listening intently. He began reading his own poetry from his book *Future Ship*.

Brown's first poem was "The Sitters." "This is a poem about some babysitters we used to have," Brown explained simply. He continued on with his next poem, "Over the Line," a poem about he

and his friends' experiences living along the Connecticut and New York border and traveling back and forth on the weekends because New York had a lower drinking age.

Brown continued with a poem that everyone could relate to, titled

her audience the full impact of her poems. Her poem "English Flavors" was a crowd favorite.

"I liked the 'English Flavors' poem; the intelligence it took for someone to equate language with flavors is inspiring," said senior



Adrienne Price photo

Husband and wife presenters Kurt Brown and Lauren-Anne Bosselaar share their poetry at the final installment of the 2008 Writers on the Shore series.

"The Race." Brown described it as, "a poem about when you looked at your parents when you were 13 or 14 and what you thought about them." This was followed by four more poems about various topics.

The couple regaled their audience with readings of Flemish poetry by Bosselaar and its English translations. "Elephant" was a comical and irrelevant poem that elicited plenty of laughter from the audience.

"I thought the transition of language was very interesting," said junior Mary Griffin.

It was soon Bosselaar's turn to shine. She was expressive, using hands and facial expressions to give

Jaime Dennis. Bosselaar made sure her audience knew where her inspiration came from. "I had to learn to speak English from 1987 to 1990. I passed TOEFL [Test of English as a Foreign Language]," she joked. You can barely hear Bosselaar's accent as she continues to read the rest of her poems.

"I love that expression, 'I sold it for a song,' so I wrote a poem about it," Bosselaar said laughingly as she began her poem "Garage Sale." Many of her works come from personal experience and with every poem, you get a little bit of the person she is.

Weekly Greek News

Greek of the Month

By Lindsey Dickinson
Staff Writer

Every month, the National Panhellenic Council chooses a member of a sorority at Salisbury University who is dedicated not only to promoting their respective sorority, but who also tries to promote Greek Life as a whole. Katharine Moore, a junior at Salisbury University, has just been named Greek of the Month for April.

Moore is originally from Lutherville in Baltimore County and was very active in high school. She played varsity field hockey for four years, played lacrosse, and maintained a full time job. She began school at Rider University and then transferred to SU her sophomore year. During the summer, Moore lived and worked in Ocean City, and through her summer job at Bull on the Beach, she met some girls in Delta Gamma. As she met more sisters of DG she felt comfortable with them and decided to go Greek.

Since joining Delta Gamma, Moore has been a very active member. She was the Director of Public Relations for a short term, and has been on the Greek Week council for two years. She was also a Rho Chi during this year's formal recruitment.

As a member of Delta Gamma, Moore has enjoyed the many events that DG holds, including "Crush for your Crush" and "Anchor Splash." Moore says that overall her favorite event is "Anchor Splash" because it is not only a fun event to plan, but it is a fun event to go to and watch as well. As far as philanthropic events, Moore enjoys "Crush for your Crush" the most. Although she loves these events that DG holds every year, her favorite memory overall when DG won Greek Week last year.

"Crush for your Crush" is definitely my favorite philanthropic event. If you are not familiar with it, it is what we do for Valentines Day," said Moore. "We set up stands outside of the Commons where people can pay a dollar to write a note to their Valentine. We will attach the note to a decorated bottle of Orange Crush soda, and deliver them on Valentine's Day. The money we raise goes towards Service for Sight, Aid to the Blind."

While being a sister of DG, Moore has also kept up with her studies as a Communications major focusing in Public Relations with a minor in Business and Professional Writing. She hopes to one day have a job that she enjoys doing every day. Overall, though, Moore attributes much of her college involvement to being a part of DG.

"Being in any sorority strengthens your involvement on campus because it opens the door to a much larger social network," she said. "Having friends in all of the Greek organizations makes for a very large support system."

While Moore loves being a member of DG and of Greek Life as a whole, she admits that she was on the fence about joining a sorority at one time. However, she has advice for those who feel like she once felt.

"It was once in that position, where I wasn't sure if it was something I wanted to do or not. But since I have done it, I haven't looked back," Moore said. "It is more than just an organization; it is a lifestyle where you will meet endless amounts of people who share the same common interests and goals. Not to mention, there are constantly fun events going on, and always new things to do."

OOPS*OOPS*OOPSCorrections from the April 22 issue of *The Flyer*

[Friday Night Lite provides fellowship] The article should mention that the Friday Nite Lite event was hosted by Wesley Foundation and students, in addition to BASIC and CRU, could also find fellowship through Wesley Foundation.

[3rd Salisbury Idol hits the stage] The performer in the picture from the April 22nd issue is not Brittany Doane.

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SPORTS**Redskins and Ravens find impact players in the draft**By Erin Hart
Staff WriterBy Philip Niscon
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The 2008 NFL Draft took place this past weekend and there was plenty of excitement. With the first overall pick the Miami Dolphins selected offensive tackle Jake Long from the University of Michigan. Long allowed only one sack during his senior year and signed a long contract that assured his future in Miami.

With a shorter time limit between picks, the first round had a fast pace unlike years in the past and the Baltimore Ravens wasted little time drafting a quarterback. The Ravens selected Joe Flacco out of the University of Delaware with the 18th overall pick. Flacco is listed at 6'6" and has a reputation of having a strong arm. Despite playing against weaker competition in college, he is said to have the most potential to be the best quarterback in the draft class. Since the retirement of quarterback Steve McNair, Flacco has an opportunity to compete for a starting position. Ravens general manager Ozzie Newsome has a long history and good reputation of great first day selections, picking players like Ray Lewis, Ed Reed, Jonathan Ogden and Todd Heap.

With their second selection the Ravens nabbed running back Ray Rice, out of Rutgers. Rice had a great college career, helping revitalize the Rutgers program and will likely backup starter Willis McGahee in the Ravens' run-heavy offense. With a competition looming for the starting quarterback spot, Rice should get a fair amount of carries in his rookie campaign.

Turning the focus onto the other local team, the Washington Redskins used their first day selections to bolster their new west coast offense under first year head coach Jim Zorn. The Redskins traded out of the first round and were still able to land the top wide receiver on the board. They selected Devin Thomas out of Michigan State. At 6'2" he should be able to give the Redskins a tall red zone threat that they have lacked in previous years. With their remaining picks on the first day, the Redskins got tight end Fred Davis, out of USC, and wide out Malcolm Kelly from Oklahoma. They still are searching for a pass rusher to complement Andre Carter on the defensive line, but the skill players they selected were too hard to pass up. Thomas, Davis and Kelly are all over six feet tall and should help Jason Campbell develop into a top tier quarterback. Deep treat Santana Moss and tight end Chris Cooley will remain the starters but this young core of receivers will be pressing them for playing time when training camp begins in August. Davis won the Mackey award this past season. The award is given to the best tight end in college football. He earned the award after registering 117 receptions for 1,408 yards and 13 touchdowns.

The Redskins look as though they have a new philosophy, holding onto their draft picks instead of trading them away for immediate needs as they have done in years past.

Every year the NFL draft provides an immense amount of talent for the 32 teams and this season was no different. Teams build their foundations through the draft and while it is a risky business, high selections usually are well worth it.

Both the Redskins and Ravens addressed immediate needs for their respective teams. Flacco, Rice, Kelly, Thomas and Davis should all provide improvement to their new teams' offenses. While the fan rivalry between the Redskins and Ravens will continue for many years to come, this new rookie class will give even more reasons for the fans to argue back and forth. The two Maryland teams will face off December 7 at M&T Bank Stadium to continue the 1-95 rivalry.

Student Athlete Spotlight
.....**Scott Burtzloff**.....By Erin Hart
Staff Writer

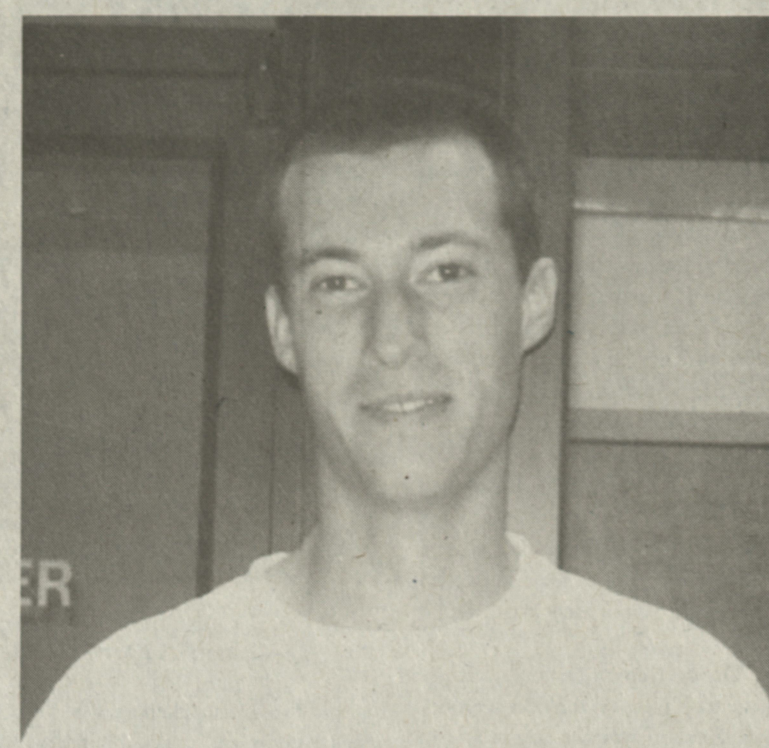
Scott Burtzloff, a sophomore tennis player from Clarksville, grew up in North Little Rock, AK and moved to Maryland when he was 12. He started playing tennis when he was 11. "I knew I was hooked after I won the first tournament I ever played. I knew that I could become a really good player after that," Scott said. He was the captain of his high school team his senior year. Scott is an accounting major and plans on graduating from SU in 2010. One of Scott's biggest accomplishments was being named the CAC Rookie of the Year in 2007. He also ranked 23rd in the nation in doubles in 2007 and was an alternate to the NCAA Doubles Tournament in 2007. This year he has been ranked as high as two in the region for doubles.

Who is your inspiration?

It would have to be my first coach Nancy Buie when I lived in Arkansas. She was the best coach I ever had. She taught me everything about the game and I would definitely not be where I am today without her.

What has been your favorite college memory?

My favorite college memory would have to be when we beat Mary Washington this year. It was the first time we had beaten them in 8 years and their first conference loss in 8



Telecia Taylor photo

Sophomore tennis player Scott Burtzloff

years. It all came down to our senior captain, Brendan Kincaid, who won his match in a dramatic third set to clinch the win for us. We all the mobbed him on the court before he could even shake his opponents hand and it was the first time I had ever seen our coach speechless after a match.

Do you have a favorite tennis player?

My favorite tennis player would have

to be Gael Monfils. We both play very similar games and we both really like sliding around on the court.

What is your favorite animal? A tiger. I feel like it would be a cool animal to have around the house and I would feel pretty safe sleeping at night because no one is going to break into a house that is guarded by a tiger.

What is your favorite meal?

Salisbury U teams dominate spring sportsBy Tom Watson
Staff Writer

The Salisbury Sea Gulls were flying high this spring, winning five CAC championships and finishing runner-up in three others.

The track and field team headed to York (Pa) for the championships where the men's team cruised to their record fifth straight CAC title, while the women finished second to powerhouse Mary Washington. Salisbury set five conference meet records and won a combined 16 events. 27 Sea Gulls also earned all-CAC honors, with four Salisbury relay teams named to the all-CAC team.

No. 1 ranked softball won their 13th CAC championship on a game-ending triple from sophomore Lauren Brennenman. All-American Kelly Waskevich combined with

6-2, 7-5. Unfortunately they were the only two points SU gained all day.

The women's tennis team earned its first point against the Eagles in the last three title games as sophomore Kelly Fahrner and Rachel Iosue defeated the Eagles duo of Courtney Gottman and Stacey Rickard 6-5. However, their hopes of their first title since 2003 were dashed as Mary Washington took its final lead of the day, defeating Salisbury's top doubles team of junior Anna Marie Kable and sophomore Jackie Burr 8-5.

The top-ranked men's lacrosse team won its 14th straight CAC championship with a victory over second-seeded Villa Julie on Saturday, April 19. The day looked to be a challenge for the Gulls as they entered the locker room with a slim 8-5 lead. However, they charged in the second half outscoring the Mustangs 12-5 to



Andrew Baker photo

Salisbury lacrosse leads the charge for the spring sports teams. LAX finished No. 1 in the regular season and captured the CAC title.

Brennenman and Ali Ritter to bat 8-for-11, driving in seven of Salisbury's eight runs, while senior Kortni Pedlow (9-2) earned the victory in the circle, pitching six scoreless innings.

The SU baseball team won its third straight CAC championship over UMW on Saturday. The Gulls lost their first game on a walk-off home run 16-15, but rallied back in the second game to win 20-5, giving them their sixth title in the last eight years.

The Salisbury men's tennis team, which is ranked No. 22 in the nation and third in the region, fell short of their first CAC title 7-2 last Sunday. Sophomore Evan Thomas won both his second doubles match, with junior Matt Nicholson, and his No. 4 singles

earn their 20th consecutive NCAA tournament bid by a score of 20-10 and move to 99-0 since joining the CAC conference.

The SU women's lacrosse team won their school-record 20th consecutive game, bringing them their sixth straight CAC title with a victory over St. Mary's. Senior Sue Ackerman's eight-point night tied the school record for points in a single season at 131. Ackerman is 15 points shy of the career points record.

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By Therran Dennis
Staff Writer

The Sea Gull men's and women's track teams recently participated in the historic Penn Relays this past Thursday through Saturday and concluded it with a strong performance. The Penn Relays, currently the longest running track event in the country, is a three-day affair that showcases some of the finest track programs from schools across the country. The Relays were held at Franklin Field at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. The competition featured an astounding crowd of 100,000 observers in attendance.

The men's 4x400 relay team ran their race with a solid time of 4:06.23, their best of the season. The 4x100 relay team, including sophomores Lawson and Ashleigh Macintosh, freshmen Mandy Maruchi-Turner and Charles Phillips, ran their race with a time of 50.80, their personal best of the season.

Bulger competed in the challenging heptathlon. Bulger was the only Sea Gull to compete in this grueling event. This event consisted of a variation of seven track events: 100m hurdles, high jump, shot put, 200m dash, long jump, javelin throw and an 800m run. Overall, the very talented and athletic Bulger did well.

"I experienced it with. This is a very tight group and I wouldn't have wanted to share it with anyone else," Vander Vliet said.

The men's 4x100 relay team, though not as successful as the 4x400, ran a strong race, finishing with a final time of 42.72.

Others from the men's squad also ran

Sea Gulls Sea Gulls

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Softball
The SU softball team rolled through non-conference opponent Gettysburg College on Tuesday in a doubleheader. This was Salisbury's first contest since grabbing the CAC championship last Sunday. The Gulls took game one 11-1 and went on to win 8-0 in game two.

Ali Ritter went 4-for-6 with five RBIs. Kristin Lord went 4-for-7 and scored two runs. Stacey Malarkey continued the trend at the plate for the hot SU offense by recording three hits and four RBIs. Senior Sue Ackerman's eight-point night tied the school record for points in a single season at 131. Ackerman is 15 points shy of the career points record.

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What do you like to do in your free time?

I like to watch TV, *Rob and Big* and *South Park* are my favorites. I also like to hang out with my friends and go out and have a good time.

What did you want to be when you were little?

I really wanted to be a pro baseball player when I was little. This was before I started playing tennis.

Do you have a favorite type of music?

I like pretty much all types of music. I am usually up for anything.

What would you like to do after college?

After college I want to get my CPA and become an accountant.

Would you ever want to coach after college?

I would like to assistant coach, but not become a head coach. I have talked to my coach a little bit about becoming the assistant coach after I graduate if I am doing grad school at Salisbury. Besides that I would not want to coach.

What is your favorite meal?

A burrito from Chipotle. Our coach usually takes us there after matches if there is one around. It has become a tradition for our team to find one because most of us love going there.

The NBA playoffs are underway, showcasing the top eight teams from each conference racing towards capturing 16 wins and the Larry O'Brien National Basketball Association championship trophy. Starting off in the east, the Boston Celtics, who are the most improved team from last season, hold the top seed while they face off with the fresh-faced Atlanta Hawks. While Boston's big three should be able to take care of business within six games, *Hot-lanta* could be a force to reckon with in years to come with improvement from rookie Al Horford, the development of Marvin Williams and the maturation of Josh Smith.

The Detroit-Philadelphia matchup has surprised many with the 76ers taking the early series lead. If the Pistons do not get their act together they could be out of the playoffs in a hurry. Detroit has the ability to rely on their veterans to pull themselves out of this hole before it gets too deep, but I like the young 76ers to win the series in six.

The 3-vs-6 pairing features two of the brightest big-men stars, pitting superman Dwight Howard's Orlando Magic against Chris Bosh's Toronto Raptors. Howard's back-to-back 20 point, 20 rebound games show how big a force this kid is and will be for years to come. The Magic should move on in five.

This brings us to the hometown series featuring the Washington Wizards and the Cleveland Cavaliers. For the third straight year these two teams are colliding in the playoffs; however, unlike the past seasons the Wizards enter this series relatively healthy. The Wiz nearly stole game one in Cleveland, only to get run over in game two. The Washington squad, which has been resilient all season, responded landing a haymaker of their own, winning by 36 in game three. This series seems destined for seven games and I like the Wizards' chances.

To recap the 76ers, Magic, Wizards, and Celtics should advance into the second round and out of those four I like Boston's chances to represent the Eastern Conference in the finals.

Turning an eye out west where the teams battled until the final hour of the regular season for playoff positioning, it seems some squads will be making an early exit. The Lakers, led by likely MVP Kobe Bryant, earned home court advantage throughout the Western Conference playoffs and are looking to dismiss Carmelo and Iverson in a tidy four-game sweep. With the playoff their big men Paul Gasol, Andrew Bynum, and Lamar Odom the Lake show are sure to make a big impact on this playoff season.

Unfortunately for Tracy McGrady and the Houston Rockets it looks as though they will fail to advance out of the first round once more. The Jazz, led by Carlos Boozer and Deron Williams, will move on to get a chance at stopping Kobe in the next round.

After an epic game one between Phoenix and San Antonio, the Suns seem to have fallen flat and will need to win four straight before Tim Duncan shows them the way out of the playoffs. Steve Nash can be magical at times but this is one rabbit that will not make its way out of the hat.

The upstart New Orleans Hornets return to the playoffs to face off with the Dallas Mavericks. Chris Paul is too good and will let everyone know it as the Hornets should advance in six.

So out west the Lakers, Jazz, Spurs, and Hornets should move along. Out of those four fine teams, I like the Lakers to advance to the finals and send the NBA back into its glory days, pitting the two most storied teams in a battle for another championship. Look for Boston's big three to finally get a ring. I like the Celtics in a seven-game thriller.



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Baseball knocks off CNU 8-3

By Alex Ruoff
Staff Writer

The Salisbury University Capital Athletic Conference championship baseball team defeated Christopher Newport University last Saturday 8-3 to improve their record to 37-2 this season.

after Armiger advanced to third off a steal and a Mark Bostwick single. Bostwick scored the other run on a Tyler Riley single. A Brian Camper fly out would end the inning with two men left on base. Armiger scored again in the seventh inning on a fielder's choice by Crystal, who would earn his first run of the game off a sacrifice fly to left



Andrew Baker photo

SU freshmen Andrew Miller watches a pitch go by in an 8-3 victory over Christopher Newport.

The win makes them even with the school record for most wins in season and should be a big confidence booster for the team as the CNU Captains are the USA South champions and a rival for the national crown. Once again SU kept pressure on the opposing pitcher and spread out the outfield shots to get some big innings at the plate. The Captains went through three different pitchers who combined to allow eight hits and three strikeouts. Christopher Newport started off the scoring in the second inning with two runs off three hits. Chris Despins started off the inning with a double into left-center field, followed by a deep single by Ryan McDougal that brought Despins in for the opening run. An error by freshman shortstop Will Evans put David Fennessey on base, who scored off a Matt McDaniel single. Evans made up for the error by starting off a double play to end the inning leaving two men on base. An outstanding performance by right-handed junior Eric Wiley on the mound kept the usually hard-hitting Captains from scoring again until the eighth inning. Wiley pitched eight complete innings, striking out 10 and allowing only five hits. Christopher Newport averages 8.6 runs off 11.4 hits per game. Wiley was able to shut down shortstop Trae Bailey. Bailey is the Captain's top hitter, with a batting average of .470. He went 0-for-4 on the day. After a couple of no-hit innings, SU sent in four runs in the fifth to take the lead. Sophomore Mike Celenza tied up the score with a two-run homer, bringing in junior Randy Boyle off a walk. Senior Justin Armiger was also walked, which gave the Gulls the go-ahead run when junior Jordan Crystal singled

field by Evans. With the score 6-3, Christopher Newport entered the eighth inning with a sense of urgency that could be felt from the stands and sent Wiley to the bench. Mike Giarrazzi led off the inning for the Captains with a single. He stole second and advanced to third on a wild pitch to get himself into "scoring" position. Wiley walked Joey Martin, which could have proved fatal except Trae Bailey hit a grounder down the three-hole, which caused a double play started by Boyle but did bring in Giarrazzi. Wiley ended the inning by putting down Despins swinging. SU added two insurance runs in the next at-bat after Christopher Newport's pitching staff fell apart. The Captains started by hitting designated hitter Andrew Miller, who did not earn a hit all day but got a run in the inning off another Celenza two-run homer. Right-handed senior Ryan Bennick came in for Wiley in the ninth to close the game. The Captains could not find an answer at the mound to SU's big hitters like Celenza. Junior Kyle Baumann took the loss as his pitched a little more than four innings, giving up four runs off four hits and striking out three but walking five. He was replaced by sophomore Chris Malvagna, who also allowed four runs off four hits with no strikeouts in his three innings on the mound. The Gulls are now ranked No. 4 in the latest D3baseball.com poll and No. 5 in the national coaches poll. The Gulls are preparing for their 14th national tournament appearance, scheduled later in May, by playing some of the toughest teams in the area. This Tuesday they travel to John Hopkins University.

Salisbury victorious in War on the Shore

By Chris Brown
Staff Writer

The top-ranked Salisbury University men's lacrosse team (18-0, 7-0 CAC) defeated rival No. 4 Washington College 15-11 to improve to 18-0 in the annual War on the Shore. A crowd of nearly 3,000 fans decked out in maroon and yellow witnessed Salisbury head coach Jim Berkman win his 326th game, which ties the NCAA record for wins in men's lacrosse. The Gulls attacked early and took a 3-0 lead within the first seven minutes of the game. "We were pumped right out of the gate," said Salisbury midfielder Bruce Richardson, who provided three goals and an assist in the victory. "One of our goals today was to win the face-off battle because they are such a good face-off team," Coach Berkman said. Salisbury won 19 of 30 face-offs and won all six in the second quarter. The Gulls led 7-5 at the end of two periods and did not relent in the second half. During halftime, a youth lacrosse game took place on the field and once again Salisbury was victorious as a team of Salisbury youngsters defeated a team from Kent Island. Equipment sponsor Brine was on hand at the game as a part of the Brine King of Spring College Tour. The company sponsors Salisbury, and this was the tour's only stop at a Division III school. Mike Von Kamecke, Jake DeLillo, Greg Titus and Bruce Richardson all scored three goals apiece for Salisbury while Kaylor Berkman added a goal and four assists. Attackman Matt Hickman



Andrew Baker photo

SU men's LAX midfielder Bruce Richardson denies a Shoreman an open look at the goal.

supplied two goals and an assist in the winning effort and upped his season goal total to 51 when he scored on WAC's Gordon Cohen for the game's final goal. "There was a stretch in the first quarter, and another in the third when the first line came on the field and they scored every time," Coach Berkman said. "They couldn't be stopped." Salisbury goalkeeper Zach Krisoff was superb with 12 saves including six in the first quarter. Krisoff and the Salisbury defense cleared the ball

extremely well converting 17 out of 19. Defenders Ben Sandlin and Kevin Maynard combined to force five turnovers while spearheading a defensive effort that limited WAC to three shots in the fourth quarter. Salisbury also won the ground ball battle scooping up 34 to the Shoremen's 23. WAC tried several times to narrow the lead, but the Gulls constantly reminded the Shoremen who indeed is the reigning national champion. Washington's Nick Gregory scored with 6:56 left in the fourth to make the score 13-11, but

that was as close as WAC would get. Salisbury responded immediately as Richardson scored less than a minute later. "We know what it feels like to be close, with a minute left," Richardson said. Salisbury currently sports a 41-game winning streak, and is undefeated at Sea Gull Stadium in their last 71 contests. The victory also gave Salisbury its fifth straight undefeated regular season. "We always wanted to win. It doesn't matter if it's win number one or 326 or 900. We want to win War on the Shore," Berkman said.

Women's LAX wins 6th consecutive CAC title

By Rachel Grau
Staff Writer

On Tuesday at Sea Gull Stadium, the women's lacrosse team defeated fifth-seed Villa Julie College 23-7 to place the Sea Gulls in the number one position for the CAC championship game.



Andrew Baker photo

Beth Rhodey receives a pass during the CAC championship on Saturday. SU defeated St. Mary's College 18-7.

Sophomore Beth Rhodey was the leading scorer for the Sea Gulls, scoring six goals and adding one assist. Other leading scorers for the Sea Gulls were senior Jessica Liston with four goals, sophomore Kim Cudmore, with three goals and one assist, and senior Sue Ackermann with two goals and two assists. Within the first five minutes of the game Salisbury scored three of their 23 goals. To end the first half, the team scored 11 goals in the next 20 minutes and did not allow VJC to score, which contributed to their 17-3 lead at halftime. The second half was nothing different from the first as the Sea Gulls scored six more goals and only allowed four goals from their opponents. After the big win over the Mustangs, the Sea Gulls made their 10th straight appearance in the CAC championship game. The Gulls were playing for the sixth consecutive Capital Athletic Conference championship. The defending Sea Gulls defeated second-seed St. Mary's College 18-7 in front of a crowd of 500 during a decorated Sea Gull Stadium under the lights. Salisbury won their sixth consecutive CAC title, their eighth overall since 2000, and it is also their 20th win of the season, a new school record for regular-season wins. The win over the Seahawks gives Salisbury an automatic bid into this year's NCAA Division III tournament. "It feels really good to have won. We

all have been working extremely hard and it's really nice to be able to give coach another win. It's especially nice because it's also senior night and you want to win even more for them because they've worked so hard and you don't want to let them down," sophomore Maddie Goetz said. After a battle in the first half, with both teams showing speed and determination, and a last minute goal scored by senior Courtney Sorenson, the Sea Gulls went into half time with a lead of 8-2. In the second half, the Seahawks came out of the huddle strong, but were no match for the Sea Gull defense. Junior goalie Sonja Stuart made 13 saves against the Seahawks. Ackermann lead the team with five goals and three assists. Another top scorer for the Sea Gulls was Cudmore who added four goals and one assist. Rhodey, senior Alexis Morrell, and freshman Logan Bilderback each scored two goals apiece in the big win. Salisbury will wait until Sunday, May 4 for the official 2008 NCAA Division III women's lacrosse tournament announcement.

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